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SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

Sad Day in Patent Office.

Guillotine Again in Operation.

Every Democrat to be Decapitated.

THE FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24, 1875.

The Guillotine Again in Operation.

The holiday season of Christmas was turned into an occasion of sorrow in the Patent Office to-day, by the decapitation of forty more of the unfortunate employees. It is known that in that bureau are a number of Democrats, and it is proposed to weigh them forthwith. A list of twenty-four of these has been prepared, and will be submitted to the Secretary for consideration. The Secretary has expressed his determination to root out every man in his department who does not show very decided evidences of Republicanism.

Funding of the Public Debt.

The Secretary of the Treasury said, to-day, that he would not make any additional recommendations to Congress in reference to the further funding of the public debt, unless he should be asked to do so. He says that the national credit in Europe continues to maintain its satisfactory standing, and with the rates now paid for the new five, there was no doubt of the possibility of refunding, at the special rate of interest, the remainder of the six per cent. bonds in a reasonable time, and within the provisions of the statutes on that subject. The Secretary favors an extension of the time of the redemption of the bonds to be hereafter issued from fifteen to thirty years from the date of issue. He thinks that bonds most sought after for investment are those which have a long period to run before reaching maturity, and that every measure should be adopted to increase their popularity. There is some question in his mind as to the feasibility of a four-and-a-half per cent. loan, though unless Congress takes the initiative of increasing the rate, he will carry out, if possible, the provisions of the acts of 1870 and 1871.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24, 1875.

PAYMENT OF JANUARY INTEREST.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the payment of the January interest to be commenced on Monday next with rebate.

A WEEKLY LIST OF UNITED STATES PATENTS issued to the inventors of Pennsylvania and Ohio, for the week ending December 21, 1875. Reported by telegraph expressly for the COMMERCIAL, by A. H. Evans & Co., Patent Solicitors, May building, Washington, D. C.:

PENNSYLVANIA.

J. M. Bumbaugh, Pittsburgh—Nail separators.
G. D. Jacoby, Berwick—Tire upsetters.
G. Mathews, McKeesport—Joints for tubes.
J. Nickols, Jr., Pittsburgh—Glass furnaces.
J. H. O'Brien, Pittsburgh—Horse detaching apparatus.
J. Sittenbender, Beaver Valley—Sash fasteners.
H. Frasch, Philadelphia—Process for utilizing tin scraps.
F. H. Hemmick, Reading—Hot air furnaces.
G. Gilbert, Meadville—Stovepipe sleeves.
S. F. Stem, Heavertown—Car coupling.
Wm. John McLee, Pittsburgh—Shoe fastening.
D. Bruner, McVeytown—Horseshoe machine.
F. Schmemann, Philadelphia—Iron truss bridges.
G. C. Struker, Philadelphia—Neck ties.
E. Brown, Greensville—Carriage wheels.
J. C. Klintz, Bensylvania—Spool holders.
J. Flinn, Philadelphia—Furniture springs.
D. Goldy, Philadelphia—Safety attachments for pockets.
Wm. Gosshorn, Waterloo—Balancing mill stones.
F. P. Hanson, Philadelphia—Iron fences.
J. A. Cart and Wm. A. Grove—Lionesta—Stump extractor.
D. H. Koltz, Philadelphia—Stove pipe joints.
J. F. McCormick, Philadelphia—Mechanical movements.
J. H. McElroy and R. Young, Pittsburgh—Method of treating natural gas.
A. W. McKown, Honesdale—Wagon springs.
J. C. Reed, Millvale—Covering for steam boiler pipes.
H. C. Sayre, Montrose—Hot air furnaces.
I. Starr, Philadelphia—Dental chair.
J. Willard, St. Myersdale—Car dumping apparatus.
Reissue—R. S. Jennings, Philadelphia—Envelopes.
Designs—F. O. Hanson, Philadelphia—Gates and panels.
F. O. Hanson, Philadelphia—Gates.
L. Sim, Philadelphia—Collar and cuff boxes.
Trade Mark—T. H. Smart, Philadelphia—Medical compound.

OHIO.

A. Barnard, Cincinnati—Water proof compound.
E. Booth, Columbus—Running gear for Velocipedes.
G. H. Mease, Upper Sandusky—Revolving harrows.
J. Maynard, North Washington—Whiffletree hooks.
J. P. Abbott, Cleveland—Eaves trough hangers.
S. L. Beebe and E. A. Beebe, North Ridgeville—Lathes for turning staves.
W. Card, Ripley township—Washing and wringing machine.
E. L. Crall, Athens—Device for teaching drawing.
Wm. Edmister, Hunt Station—Shoe fastenings.
L. L. Lye, Allen county—Anti-incrustation compound.
P. C. Moore, Lafayette—Corn stalk knives.
G. S. Stearns, Cincinnati—Corner joints for boxes.
H. Whelin, Zanesville—Apparatus for preserving corpses and other organic matter.
H. Lehren, Columbus—Broom sewing machine.
H. Converse, Sandusky—Shirt fronts.
C. W. Evans, Cincinnati—Steel manufactured ropes.
J. J. Hardenbrook, Columbus Grove—Heating drums.
Wm. C. Margedant, Hamilton—Surface planing machine.
J. M. Mawe, Ironton—Boot jacks.
J. G. Morgan, Urichsville—Tire wheel.
Wm. C. Packham, Troy—Grove vaults.
A. Schumacker, Cincinnati—Corset steeles.
R. H. St. John, Springfield—Sewing machine (driving mechanism).
D. W. Hill, Akron—Trunks.
H. Wilkeim, Minerva—Mill stone drivers.
Trade Marks—Cincinnati Shovel Handle Ware—Split bottom chairs.
M. Werk & Sons, Cincinnati—Registered March 7th 1871, Wine.

FIRE RECORD.

Geneva, N. Y.—$50,000.

GENEVA, N. Y., December 24.—The White Spring farm buildings and mansion, owned by James O. Sheldon were totally burned last night. Loss $50,000; insurance $20,000.

Milwaukee Junction—$12,000.

DETROIT, December 24.—The Grand Trunk depot building, at Milwaukee Junction, and the Exchange Hotel adjoining, were burned this morning. Loss $12,000; partly insured.

Capture and Massacre of Egyptian Troops by Abyssinians.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The *Weser Zeitung*, of Bremen, of December 8, contains the following account of the capture and massacre of a detachment of Egyptian troops by Abyssinians, briefly reported some time ago by cable: "We have had news from Abyssinia. An expedition of about 2,000 men, sent by the Khedive under command of General Arendrop, a Dane, to subjugate the Abyssinians, was drawn into ambush entirely or very much slaughtered. Generals Arendrop, Pasha and many other officers were literally hacked in pieces, and their heads stuck on spears before the Abyssinians' tents, and their bodies are sent to the wild beasts. Mackhina Pasha is said to be alive and a prisoner. Of Col. Routh, the American, nothing is known. And only one officer (Schweizer) escaped. An expedition comprising 12,000 men, infantry, cavalry and artillery, is to be sent out from Cairo without delay, and will be joined by every American officer in the Egyptian service, including Col. Stone."

Troops Going to the Frontier.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—A dispatch from Camp Grant, Arizona, says two companies of the Sixth Cavalry are last evening for the frontier, Col. Biddle commanding. They will be joined near the Sonora Mine by Capt. Winchester's company from Camp Lowell. There is no later news concerning the Mexican belligerents. Company G, First Cavalry, left this city by mail to-day for San Diego.

Another shock of earthquake was felt this evening at Grass Valley.

The Boss Not in Havana.

HAVANA, December 24.—Careful inquiry fails to confirm the report that Tweed is in this city.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day.—For Tennessee, the Ohio, Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys and the Upper lakes, rising barometer, cooler, northwest winds, partly cloudy, clear or partly cloudy weather. For the Lower lakes, westerly winds, cooler, clearing weather and rising barometer. For the Middle and Eastern States, southwest winds, stationary or rising barometer, warmer, cloudy and clearing weather. The Upper Ohio will fall.

Dispatches from San Diego say the report of a revolution in San Salvador is still unconfirmed, but rumors of trouble there continue to arrive.

The jury in the Bowen libel suit found a verdict for the plaintiff, and fixed the damages at $1,000. The other cases of libel will be tried at the next term.

Gov. Hendricks, of Indiana, has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address of the Southern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition on the 26th of February at New Orleans.

Investigation shows that the affairs of the Lancaster, Mass., Savings Bank are much worse than at first thought. It is said that at least $250,000 of its funds have been loaned upon securities entirely worthless. A receiver will soon be appointed.

The congregation of the Roman Catholic church of St. Mary's, at Newport, R. I., held a meeting last evening, and denounced the story of their reporter of the New York *Herald* relative to the late burial scandal as untrue. It was merely a case of discipline between priest and parishioners, and there was no "priestly intolerance."

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

Henry Clews & Co., bankers, have arranged with their creditors and obtained a full discharge.

Luther H. Briggs, freight conductor on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, fell under his train at Richmond, Ind., yesterday, and was instantly killed.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

England.

CAPTURE OF KINTAH REPORTED.

LONDON, December 24.—A special from Penang to-day says General Colborne reports that he has taken Kintah without any loss.

DEATH OF THE EARL OF STANHOPE.

LONDON, December 24.—Rt. Hon. Earl Stanhope is dead.

France.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

PARIS, December 24.—In the Assembly today, the Press bill was under debate. M. Grevy proposed that the Press bill and state of siege be dealt with in separate bills; that the state of siege be raised throughout the country, and the consideration of the Press bill be postponed. M. Buffet defended the Government bill as it stood. He denied, notwithstanding the result of the Senatorial elections, the existence of an opposition majority. The Ministry would support conservative union both at elections and in the Chambers. He pointed to the overthrow of several previous governments to which the whole conservative population freely adhered. The Conservative Union would appeal to all partisans of those governments. He showed how the Bonapartists had supported the Senatorial ecclesiastics of the Left and gained nothing in return, and asked, Will our alliance afford them any less guarantee? He concluded as follows: The Constitution of the 25th of February is not the last word of political wisdom, but we must admit it is the law. The country requires reorganization. It must return to the Chambers men who are disposed to pursue, in conjunction with the President MacMahon, a policy of social preservation, and give aid to the victor of Magenta, who will never become the docile instrument of radical passions. M. Lamboy seconded that M. Buffet offered the country a Marshal without a Republic. M. Grevy's proposal to legislate separately on the press laws and state of siege was rejected by a vote of 376 to 293. The Bonapartists voted with the Government.

Spain.

SPAIN RESOLVED TO SUSTAIN CUBA.

MADRID, December 21.—Nine hundred soldiers will embark for Cuba on the 30th. The *Epoca* declares that Spain is resolved to retain Cuba, even if the insurgents should obtain greater forces, and could rely on some powerful protector.

Marine News.

QUEENSTOWN, December 24.—The steamship Kenilworth, which left Liverpool on the 13th for Philadelphia, has returned here, having lost her propeller.

LONDON, December 24.—The steamships Nova Scotian, from Baltimore, and Java, from New York, have arrived out.

PHILADELPHIA.

Death of Dr. Karl Ruhl—The Pope's Response to the Centennial Authorities—Successful Shipment of Fresh Meat to England—The Moody and Sankey Meetings.

PHILADELPHIA, December 24.—Dr. Karl Ruhl, one of the editors of the German *Demokrat*, died suddenly to-day. He was for many years proprietor of a German paper in San Francisco, and well known throughout the country.

There has just been received, in this city, a formal acceptance by Pope Pius Ninth of an invitation by the Centennial authorities requesting His Holiness to give his recognition to the enterprise by contributing to the Exposition of works of art from the galleries of the Vatican or from the workshops over which he has control. The letters of the Pope were couched in the warmest terms of friendship for the United States.

The parties who made recent shipment of fresh beef to Europe have received word that it reached Liverpool in good condition. Another shipment was made to-day.

The services at the prayer meeting at noon to-day were for the reformation of the weak-minded and intemperate. The attendance was large.

A great many requests for prayer for persons addicted to strong drink were read. Mr. Moody then delivered an address on the subject of intemperance. His remarks were so effective as to bring tears to the eyes of a great many persons in the congregation. The hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," was sung, and several persons in the audience related their experience. Silent prayer followed, and the meeting was dismissed. There will be no meeting either this or to-morrow evening.

Speaker Kerr leaves for Pittsburgh to-morrow morning.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

A Light Sentence.

CLEVELAND, O., December 24.—Patrick Kanen, who was convicted of manslaughter for starving his idiot son to death, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

An Absconding Officer Jailed.

MEMPHIS, December 24.—Sheriff Anderson arrived last night from San Francisco with A. Woodward, who is lodged in jail. Woodward, some two years since, was County Trustee, and absconded, leaving a deficit of about $100,000. He intimates that others shared in the embezzlement, and that he will make a warm time for them. Much more time comes, as thus far he is the only one that has suffered.

Another Federal Officer Indicted.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 24.—The United States Grand Jury to-day returned an indictment against Harry Holloway, Superintendent of the Postoffice, and brother of Postmaster Holloway, charging him with receiving $2,000 from W. C. Mason in consideration of securing for Mason a contract for the repair of mail bags, sacks, &c. As soon as Mr. Holloway learned of his indictment, he tendered his resignation as superintendent of the Postoffice, and in company with his attorney presented himself at the United States Marshal's office for arrest, and gave bond for $2,000. Holloway demands an immediate trial, and is sanguine of being acquitted.

Acquitted.

LEAVENSWORTH, KANSAS, December 24.—The trial of Embry for the attempted assassination of Col. D. R. Anthony, in May last, was concluded to-day, and resulted in his acquittal.

A National Bank President Arrested for Embezzlement.

CINCINNATI, December 24.—A. C. Jonson, President of the Fayette County National Bank, at Washington Court House, Ohio, was brought here this morning by United States Marshal Hunt, charged with embezzling $10,000 of the bank's funds. The offense is punishable under the National Banking act with imprisonment not less than five nor more than ten years.

Changes Suggested in the Postal Laws.

ST. LOUIS, December 24.—Postmaster Filley, of this city, has addressed to Postmaster General Jewell the suggestion of a change in the present postal law relating to publishers' matter, to the effect that newspapers and periodicals be made uniform in classification and rate, and placed in the second class. He says prospectuses, posters, sample copies, etc., now rated as third-class at one cent per ounce or fraction thereof, yield but little revenue in that classification, and give great annoyance and dissatisfaction to postmasters and publishers, and asks why a discrimination should be made between newspapers and periodicals, bills and receipts for subscriptions to regular subscribers and from newsdealers, which are now carried at two and three cents per pound, and the same kind of matter, to wit: prospectuses, posters, sample copies, &c., and all matter relating to solicitation and renewal of subscriptions, and why they should not all be classified and rated as second-class matter? The judgment of postal experts, he says, is that the results of this change from increased subscribers and the quantity of matter would yield a revenue equal to the present, and would give great satisfaction to postmasters, publishers and the public would be relieved of the present workings of the reduction on second-class matter and pre-payment of the same by publishers; it would also remove all occasion for espionage, delay and dissatisfaction arising from the present classification, and simplify the work of both publishers and postofficers.

THE one term amendment for the Presidential office under the national Constitution is sustained by the Pittsburgh COMMERCIAL as right in principle and in consonance with this view adopted by the Whig party in its great and successful campaign of 1840, after which date no President was ever renominated or re-elected until 1864, a period of twenty-four years. The argument is a forcible one, and recalls the fact that all the most illustrious statesmen of the Whig and Democratic parties have been in favor of the one term principle. Mr. Greeley's revival of it in 1872 was but the force of his long service under Clay and Webster. The COMMERCIAL declares that the main sentiment of both the great national parties is in favor of the one term principle and therefore thinks that there can be no excuse for delay by Congress in the adoption of the constitutional amendment and submitting it to the State Legislatures for approval. It cannot be made a party issue in the ensuing national campaign, as the chances are all in favor of the two national conventions both indorsing it unanimously. Under the circumstances, therefore, the advice of the COMMERCIAL seems to be sound and sensible. Let both parties agree to the one term amandment and the school amendment, and so the next Presidential canvass will be relieved of its chief disturbing elements, and two great progressive steps forward be taken.—*Philadelphia North American.*

The English painter-poet Rossetti has received a letter from Rome giving the following account of the death of Shelley: "A little while ago there died at Spezzia an old sailor, who, in his last confession to the priest (whom he told to make it public), stated that he was one of the crew that ran down the boat containing Shelley and Williams, which was done under the impression that the rich 'milord Byron' was on board with lots of money. They did not intend to sink the boat but to board her and murder Byron. She sank, he said, as soon as she was struck. This account was sent to my friends, the K——s, by a person they are intimate with and who lives at Spezzia, and I believe knows the priest."

Emerson speaks of a lady who holds "that the sense of being perfectly well-dressed gives a feeling of inward tranquility which religion is powerless to bestow." Perhaps she is not clothed with it as with a garment.

Finding their level. Two ex-members of the House at Washington are now employed in the document folding room, a part of their duties being the wheeling of mail matter in a barrow to the postoffice!

POLITICAL.

General.

The Albany *Express* says the "patriotic sentiment of America will not consent to a violation of precedent and the unwritten law of the land by the renomination of President Grant. That nomination would sever the Republican party in twain, and lead to the nomination of two Republican tickets. It would give the Democracy a tremendous advantage in the campaign, and would undoubtedly ensure the election of their candidates. It is just the movement which the Democracy want to have made; it is just the movement which the Republican party must checkmate."

Michael C. Kerr is now the Democratic Speaker of the Confederate branch of the Congress of the United States. To him more than to any man, than to any committee, we must look for such legislation as the next five months shall bring us. Here are his words on the subject very close to the hearts, and deeply important to the welfare of Pennsylvania: "After the freedom of speech, of religion and of the press, the most inestimable boon for which our race ever contended is the freedom of trade and commerce. Ever since the struggles in human society began, between justice and selfishness, liberty and oppression, the favored classes and the neglected multitudes, *tariffs have been the chosen legislative citadels of wrong.*"

Mr. Frederick Douglass is not a third term advocate. He said to a Chicago *Post and Mail* reporter last week: "I think there has been a good deal of foolish and useless talk indulged in about Cæsarism and military despotism in order to preclude the possibility of Grant's name being again presented for the people's suffrages. I think this talk has been growing less and less and the feeling in favor of Grant somewhat stronger. I am not in favor of a third term. My idea is that there should be only one term, and I deem it a sound political principle that no man should be eligible for re-election under ordinary circumstances. I would, however, have the Presidential term lengthened to six years, and think such a change would have a good result in many ways and for many reasons."

The Steubenville *Herald* says: The Pittsburgh *Post* is strongly advocating the nomination by the Democrats, of Judge Jeremiah Black for President, and seems to have no doubt of his election in case he is made standard bearer; but while he is preferable to Tilden, Ohio cannot be carried by the Democrats at the October election, with Black as candidate for President, *and unless Ohio then goes Democratic, no Democrat can be elected President.* So then with Black we are surely defeated. Of course the people of Ohio would prefer a candidate from Ohio, but on that point they are not tenacious. *What they do demand, however, is a candidate who is in sympathy with the Democrats of Ohio on the currency question.* With such a man the election can be carried. Judge Black, no more than Samuel J. Tilden is that man. Neither is Senator Bayard. Still such a man exists, even outside of Ohio, and he must be brought forward. Ohio can furnish him if necessary. So can Indiana. So can other States. If Pennsylvania wishes a nomination on the National ticket, let her Democrats unite on Andrew J. Curtin for Vice President. He is in sympathy with the people, and both Ohio and Indiana would support him. *But no Tildens, Blacks or Bayards for this part of the country.* Grant would carry Ohio over Tilden by a majority almost equal to that given him by Pennsylvania in 1872.

STATE NEWS.

Shippensburg has a dog with six legs and two tails.

George Gates died in Johnstown on Monday, aged eighty years.

Adam Foreman, a laborer, fell dead in Altoona, on Saturday, of heart disease.

General Davis, of the Doylestown *Democrat*, is engaged in writing a history of Bucks county.

A very successful revival of religion is in progress at the Methodist church in Media, Delaware county.

The diphtheria still maintains a foothold in Johnstown, and there are many cases of scarlet fever among the children.

The other day a drove of eight hundred turkeys, owned by Samuel Moore, passed through Parkersburg, Chester county.

John Green, of Carbon county, the owner of thirty acres of land, died of starvation recently. He was found dead in his shanty.

John Donahouer, who committed suicide in Reading on Friday, is said to have passed $90,000 in counterfeit money, and yet he died poor.

Hon. H. W. Petriken was thrown from a buggy and kicked by a horse, last week, his skull being slightly fractured. It is thought he will recover.

Eugene Woodin, a young merchant of Houtzdale, Clearfield county, went hunting on the 16th inst., and accidentally shot himself, blowing his brains out.

Jacob Ott, of Leesburg, Cumberland county, hanged himself to an apple tree in accordance with his own royal will, a Star-Chamber of thirteen persons, who are to inform the Democratic sheep in Congress assembled what measures may be introduced and what course shall be taken on each. The "thirteen" are to be ringmasters and the rest the trained mules in the circus. The Democrats were actually afraid to even trust themselves with the choice of their baker's dozen of despots. They supinely placed everything in the hands of King Lamar.

This action, though unprecedented in some respects, still revives memories of the past. The Northern Democracy has always bowed submissively to the Slave Power's section. The slave barons used to elbow their way to seats at the head of the table and thence crack the party-whip over their shrinking underlings from the North. Now the old "doughface" sentiment shows itself again. The party throws itself at the feet of a man who served in the Confederate army, was in the Confederate Congress, and represented the Confederacy at the foreign capital. He is able to sit in our Congress only because a Republican House and Senate relieved him by special act from the consequence of his treason to his country, and so allowed him to hold high place under the Government he tried to destroy. Now the Democrats have given him absolute power over that Government, as far as they can. He can constitute the Star-Chamber precisely as he wishes, and can so shape the whole legislative policy of the country. In thus placing practically supreme power in utterly irresponsible hands, the Democracy, again, have simply followed their favorite party policy of creating a "Boss." Lamar is their Boss. He is the Simon who says "Thumbs up!" and "Thumbs down!" and is obeyed and followed by the cringing Northerners whom he rules and the haughty Southerners whom he represents. The United States is not yet ready to be ruled by a Boss, not even when he is an ex-Confederate.

What were the Northern Democrats sent to Washington for? The country put them there to undo legislation and pass measures as might seem to the best interests of the country in their sober judgment. We have already pointed out various reasons to distrust that judgment, but we never expected the very men who were sent to publicly confess that they could not be trusted, even by themselves, and that the rule of irresponsible barbarism and that of an ex-Confederate Boss was safer and better than that of the chosen representatives of the Democratic party. "The masses" of Congressmen have voluntarily assigned the descriptive term to "them asses," and have besought King Lamar to rule them as he will. They have thus been grossly uncourteous to their own Speaker. After choosing Mr. Kerr to select their committees, they have deliberately snubbed him, and have subjected him, in the committees, to the insolence of a Confederate chieftain, who is to appoint a Board of Guardians, the little finger of which will be thicker than the Speaker's loins. Having chosen a Speaker to be their sham superior, they now make a Southerner their real rule. Caucus government is bad enough; Star-Chamber government will be worse yet. Even if his Imperial Majesty appoints the thirteen viceroys of the party with perfect fairness and does not pack the committee in such a way that Tom Scott's subsidy schemes, the Southern claims, and other ideals are sure to be forced by it through the House, the engineers of all these jobs have only to persuade or buy a majority of the Thirteen in order to insure the acceptance of their scheme by a subservient set of scared Congressmen, afraid of each other and of themselves. When, after fifteen days exclusion, the nation pours in the Democratic party with a share of the Government, the men selected meekly howl in unison: "Dear me, we don't fit to do any governing," and forthwith elect a pointed a dictator, with an omnipitant body-guard selected by himself. Out upon such cowards! They have run away from the duties they were chosen to perform, and have thus blazoned to the world their unfitness for the honorable task imposed upon them by their constituents. Even when the olden-time Congresses were in reality wholly subject to the dictation of a few Southerners, there was never such an open bidding for power. The pretense of independence was still kept up. The Northern members pretended to speak and vote as they fought. This is changed now. They have provided for the appointment of a Committee which is to keep them from speaking and voting as they think, and make them do as the Committee thinks. The doughface enters our politics once more. The Democratic House commits hari-kari. Its power is dead. Lamar possesses it. Long live the King!

INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS NOTES.

The mercantile tonnage of all nations foots up 18,689,396 tons, the number of seagoing vessels being 57,258 under sail and 5,519 under steam, making a total of 62,777 vessels.

There is a high pressure gas well next Walhonding, in Coshocton county, Ohio, which emits a great quantity of gas that is now being used in the manufacture of lamp-black.

Pine timber is selling along the Clarion river from five to seven cents a cubic foot. The same kind of timber brought from fifteen to eighteen cents a few years ago.

A company has been organized in Meadville, Pa., for the manufacture of Wythe's Railroad Speed Recorder, the invention of Rev. Mr. Wythe, of the Erie Methodist Episcopal Conference. The company will have a capital stock of $250,000, in shares of $100 each.

It is said that a number of the vessels recently chartered at Philadelphia for oil and grain cargoes, were taken on speculation by exporters, and are in the market for re-charter. The original charterers have already realized a handsome thing by the recent advance in rates.

The new oil field at Gradon, Ohio, where heavy oil is found at the depth of ninety to one hundred feet, has attracted a number of operators from the oil region. The oil closely resembles that found in the vicinity of Mecca, Ohio, and is just now selling at ten dollars a barrel.

Dunbar Furnace, Fayette county, Pa., has recently been thoroughly repaired, and is now doing good work. There is about 5,000 tons of ore in stock, and the daily capacity of the mines is 150 tons. About 1,000 tons of limestone are quarried and stocked, and some 5,000 to 7,000 tons shipped.

From July 1 to November 10, 1875, official numbers were awarded to 894 vessels, whose carrying capacity amounted to 145,-115 tons. Of this number sixty-three were new sea going vessels of 100 tons and over; forty-five of 1,000 tons and over; three of 2,000, and two of 3,000 tons each, with an aggregate tonnage of 109,223 tons.

The Renfrew gingham mills, South Adams, has 550 hands, and is turning out 16,000 yards of gingham a day, run on full time, with a prospect of constant work. The sales last year were $606,000, but the company has made no dividends during its seven years' experience, adding the profits to capital, now $250,000. They are enlarging their works.

The stoppage of coal production in the Schuylkill region for six weeks is regarded by the Shenandoah, Pa., *Herald* as of little moment, saying "that much time is lost almost every season, and it will be found to cause no general suffering, or to any great extent to interfere with our business matters. A dull season is expected in the coal region around the first of the year, and as we are used to it, it will pass without any greater evils than in many previous years."

There are thirty thousand tons of iron ore ready for shipment at the mines of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, at Siesholtzville, this county. The mines have suspended operations in accordance with the order recently received from head-quarters. The mines had been kept steadily in operation since 1873, and an immense quantity of ore had been mined during the last three years. The accumulated ore is how being distributed to the different furnaces, some of which teams being used to haul the ore from the mines to Red Lion station, a distance of one and a quarter miles.—*Reading, Pa., Times.*

The quantity of coal sent from the Schuylkill region for the past week was, by rail, 75,622 tons; by canal, 10,078 tons; total, 86,300 tons; against 76,092 tons for the corresponding period of last year. Increase, 5,608 tons. The quantity so far for the year commencing December 1st is 151,-241 tons, against 127,354 tons for the corresponding period of last year; increase, 23,-887 tons. The quantity sent from all the regions for the week was 375,512 tons anthracite, and 81,367 tons bituminous; total, 456,779 tons; against 313,850 tons anthracite and 58,062 tons bituminous; total, 371,912 tons. Increase of anthracite, 61,662 tons; increase of bituminous, 23,305 tons; total increase, 84,967 tons. The quantity sent from all the regions so far this year is 19,-757,276 tons anthracite, and 3,586,511 tons bituminous; total, 23,344,787; against 19,-651,623 tons anthracite, and 3,515,992 tons bituminous; total, 23,167,625 tons; increase of anthracite, 105,135 tons; increase of bituminous, 271,127 tons; total increase, 377,-262 tons.—*Pottsville Miners' Journal.*

King Lamar.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

The Democratic majority in the House of Representatives has abdicated. Humbly conscious of the fact that it was in imminent danger of making a collective fool of itself, it has hastily thrown away the power it was afraid to use, has elected the ex-Confederate Lamar as its King, and has empowered him to appoint every juny in accordance with his own royal will, a Star-Chamber of thirteen persons, who are to inform the Democratic sheep in Congress assembled what measures may be introduced and what course shall be taken on each. The "thirteen" are to be ringmasters and the rest the trained mules in the circus. The Democrats were actually afraid to even trust themselves with the choice of their baker's dozen of despots. They supinely placed everything in the hands of King Lamar.

This action, though unprecedented in some respects, still revives memories of the past. The Northern Democracy has always bowed submissively to the Slave Power's section. The slave barons used to elbow their way to seats at the head of the table and thence crack the party-whip over their shrinking underlings from the North. Now the old "doughface" sentiment shows itself again. The party throws itself at the feet of a man who served in the Confederate army, was in the Confederate Congress, and represented the Confederacy at the foreign capital. He is able to sit in our Congress only because a Republican House and Senate relieved him by special act from the consequence of his treason to his country, and so allowed him to hold high place under the Government he tried to destroy. Now the Democrats have given him absolute power over that Government, as far as they can. He can constitute the Star-Chamber precisely as he wishes, and can so shape the whole legislative policy of the country. In thus placing practically supreme power in utterly irresponsible hands, the Democracy, again, have simply followed their favorite party policy of creating a "Boss." Lamar is their Boss. He is the Simon who says "Thumbs up!" and "Thumbs down!" and is obeyed and followed by the cringing Northerners whom he rules and the haughty Southerners whom he represents. The United States is not yet ready to be ruled by a Boss, not even when he is an ex-Confederate.

What were the Northern Democrats sent to Washington for? The country put them there to undo legislation and pass measures as might seem to the best interests of the country in their sober judgment. We have already pointed out various reasons to distrust that judgment, but we never expected the very men who were sent to publicly confess that they could not be trusted, even by themselves, and that the rule of irresponsible barbarism and that of an ex-Confederate Boss was safer and better than that of the chosen representatives of the Democratic party. "The masses" of Congressmen have voluntarily assigned the descriptive term to "them asses," and have besought King Lamar to rule them as he will. They have thus been grossly unscourteous to their own Speaker. After choosing Mr. Kerr to select their committees, they have deliberately snubbed him, and have subjected him, in the committees, to the insolence of a Confederate chieftain, who is to appoint a Board of Guardians, the little finger of which will be thicker than the Speaker's loins. Having chosen a Speaker to be their sham superior, they now make a Southerner their real rule. Caucus government is bad enough; Star-Chamber government will be worse yet. Even if his Imperial Majesty appoints the thirteen viceroys of the party with perfect fairness and does not pack the committee in such a way that Tom Scott's subsidy schemes, the Southern claims, and other ideals are sure to be forced by it through the House, the engineers of all these jobs have only to persuade or buy a majority of the Thirteen in order to insure the acceptance of their scheme by a subservient set of scared Congressmen, afraid of each other and of themselves. When, after fifteen days exclusion, the nation pours in the Democratic party with a share of the Government, the men selected meekly howl in unison: "Dear me, we don't fit to do any governing," and forthwith elect a pointed a dictator, with an omnipitant body-guard selected by himself. Out upon such cowards! They have run away from the duties they were chosen to perform, and have thus blazoned to the world their unfitness for the honorable task imposed upon them by their constituents. Even when the olden-time Congresses were in reality wholly subject to the dictation of a few Southerners, there was never such an open bidding for power. The pretense of independence was still kept up. The Northern members pretended to speak and vote as they fought. This is changed now. They have provided for the appointment of a Committee which is to keep them from speaking and voting as they think, and make them do as the Committee thinks. The doughface enters our politics once more. The Democratic House commits hari-kari. Its power is dead. Lamar possesses it. Long live the King!

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A Hymn by Gladstone.

The current number of the *Contemporary Review* contains a translation into rhyming Latin verse by Mr. Gladstone of Dr. John Mason Neale's hymn, No. 254, "Hymns Ancient and Modern." We give the English, as well as the Latin, for convenience of comparison:

I.

"Scis te lassum? sels Art thou weary, art
lanquentem? thou languid?
Lacta cor tristitiæ! Art thou sore dis-
Audin' 'venî, venicamus tress?"
que "Come to Me," saith
Pace perfruaris.'" One, "and coming,
Be at rest."

II.

Notas habet, quassa- Hath He marks to lead
norim me to Him,
Istum consectatus? If He be my guide?
"Manus, Plantæ, cruen- "In His Feet and Hands
tatæ, are wound prints,
Cruciatum Latus." And His Side."

III.

Ecquid portat, pro co- Hath He diadem as
rona Monarch?
Quæ Monarchas ornat? That His Brow
"Diadema, sed spina adorns?
rum, "Yea, a Crown, in very
Frontem Hanc adornat." surety,
But of thorns."

IV.

Sin obnitar, sin attingam, If I dnil Him, if I follow,
Qui me tenebrabit? What hath guardon
"Luctus, fletus, ac la- here?
borum "Many a sorrow, many
Largitatem dabit. a labor,
Many a tear."

V.

Sin obstrictus adhæreo If I still hold closely to
Him,
Quis in fine status? What hath He at last?
Vita meta, luctus fuga, "Sorrow vanquished,
Labor exhalatus." labor ended,
Jordan past."

VI.

Si recettum supplicas Jf I ask Him to receive
sinu, me,
Votum exaudiret? Will he say me nay?
'Quanquam Deus "Not till Earth, and
quamvam Cœ- not till Heaven
lum Pass away."
In ruinam iret."

VII.

Pessitentem, perino- Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is

The Commercial.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1875.

THE unsolved conundrum of the day—Who is MORRISON?

THE Democratic rallying cry at Washington, according to the New York *Herald*, is "Imbecility to the Front!"

THE new Democratic order in the House of Representatives at Washington: "Whenever you find a Union soldier in office, bounce him!" In other words, "shoot him on the spot."

THE dissatisfaction of the Democrats over the composition of the House committees has by no means yet abated, but it is really anticipating too much to expect a KERR to produce thoroughbred committees.

THE Kentucky Legislature assembles a week from to-day. For the dozen or so minor offices within the gift of the Legislature, there is said to be not less than 110 candidates. Everywhere the Democrats have got more pegs than holes.

NEW ENGLAND will be slow to trust the Democracy, hereafter, since the Democracy refuses absolutely to trust it. Mr. KERR ignored that section altogether, in making up his committees, and is backed by the Democratic House in his action. New Hampshire will be the first to respond to this plain evidence of a studied affront.

THE Custom House organ of New York, the *Commercial Advertiser*, has been very zealous for the third term, for a week or two past. The Collector's commission expired, lately, and the Collector has just been reappointed. As he has been confirmed the *Advertiser* can now let up on the third term, and resume its normal condition.

IF THE professions of the Democracy are put into practice, economy is going to be the order of the day with Congress to an extent rarely seen before. It is to be hoped these agreeable promises may be fulfilled. Mr. RANDALL is represented as feeling confident of obtaining the support of the Republicans of his committee, and a majority of the Republicans on the floor for the principal measures of retrenchment which he intends to propose.

WEST VIRGINIA has been but two or three years under Democratic control, and yet she is already approaching bankruptcy. It was announced in the House of Delegates on Wednesday last that the excess of expenditures over receipts this year would be the nice little sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Last year the excess in the same direction was $28,745 31. Bankruptcy appears to be the inevitable result of Democratic rule, everywhere.

THERE is a possibility that Republican principles are to become Democratic makeshifts at Washington, this winter. A correspondent says that the more thoughtful leaders of the party are exceedingly anxious that the Southern Democrats shall, by a square vote, put themselves on record against the heresy of secession, it being considered absolutely necessary that this should be done to give the party any chance of success in the Presidential election.

MR. MORRISON, the new Democratic leader in the House, has been distinguished principally, in his Congressional career, as the persistent advocate of private claims against the Government. The journals of the House have been ransacked for his record, and it is made up of sundry items all showing that Mr. MORRISON introduced or called up and had passed a bill for the relief of some suffering Sucker among his constituents. He is, in short, an Illinois rooster.

THE following is the third term hymn as published in the Washington *National Republican*:

"Who'd crush the germ of a green third term
In a superstitions scare,
If the SOVEREIGN will—all potent still—
Holds the Nation's savior there!
But let the leaders plan for the coming man.'
The sentinel's post be ours.
To hold the fort, with heaven's support,
Against baffled treason's powers."

The editor of the *Gazette* is now setting this to appropriate music, and will lead the congregation when it sings.

THE late great reduction in freights by the four principal railroads of the country was caused by the refusal of the Grand Trunk Railway of Cadada to join the combination for higher rates. That road persisted in cutting under the other roads on freights from Chicago to the seaboard, and the other roads have retaliated by cutting under the rates of the Grand Trunk. As the latter cuts under again, carrying for still less than the new rates, the four Eastern lines will respond by a further reduction, and so on until the Grand Trunk gets tired of it. The tight is not likely to last long.

WHATEVER the future may reveal, this year will have marked a distinct decline in the reproductive business of England. The Board of Trade returns for November show that there is still an increase of imports, coupled with a decrease of exports, and that the increased importation is, as before, due to an increased inflow of articles of consumption. The London *Times* says:

"Taking the general aspect of the eleven month's figures, one may say that the result of the year's trade will be that the value of the imports will come out at about last year's figures, while that of the exports will show a very distinct decrease."

DURING the late campaign, the State Treasurer was charged by the Democrats with having, several years ago, drawn upon the money assigned to the sinking fund to meet the current demands on the Treasury, and was roundly abused for so doing; and now the same party is abusing him because with plenty of money in the Treasury belonging to the sinking fund and none at all belonging to the general fund, he has addressed a circular letter to judges and other claimants against the Treasury, notifying them of this fact and his inability to pay until the general fund is replenished. Meanwhile a large amount has accumulated in the "sinking fund" account, and as there are no State bonds due it lies idle. So much for the demagogism of the Democracy.

A DISPATCH to the New York *Evening Post* states that Mr. RANDALL is reported to have said to the Committee on Appropriations, at its recent meeting, that, while he believed the Government estimates could be cut down somewhat, he did not intend nor should he be persuaded to make reductions so radical as to be likely to embarrass the operations of the Government. He was answered by a prominent Republican member that he would be heartily seconded in the line of strict economy by that side, but that any attempt to cut down appropriations for purposes of obstruction would be met with uncompromising opposition. The temper of the meeting is said to have augured favorably for future harmony. The position here taken is the proper one, and we feel sure that the Republican members of the House will heartily co-operate in any sincere and proper effort to cut down the national expenses.

A MOVEMENT for the establishment of a new line of American steamers is on foot in New York, with, as is said, good prospects of success. The attempt will first be made to run a line to Liverpool, and then if the undertaking prove successful by the increase in trade, steamers will be run from New York to the principal European ports. The capital is being raised by subscription, and the shares are placed at $100. The line will be called the "American Transatlantic Steamship Company." This is better than BOUTWELL'S proposition to pay bounties for building vessels or subsidies to steamship lines, with the provision that in case of war the Government shall have the right to buy them at a valuation. It was never easier or cheaper to build American vessels than now. Our shipyards, with capacity to do the best work, only wait for orders. Labor material and skill can all be commanded at the lowest rates.

FATHER CALLAHAN, the editor of the Cincinnati *Catholic Telegraph*, is very sure that the New York *Herald* is right about that dreadful secret order, the "O. A. U." A letter from Cincinnati to the *Herald* puts the following language into Father CALLAHAN'S mouth:

He knew that an American Union existed and that the leading men of the Administration were identified with it. He had seen a pamphlet issued from Washington, addressed to the league and stating the objects of the organization, Grant's *Des Moines speech*, his message and the *letter of the apostate Catholic*, ex-Speaker *Blaine*, to Mr. Foster, editor of the *New York Advertiser*, indicated plainly the conflict impending.

It may be news to Father CALLAHAN, but it is nevertheless true that he has got his facts all wrong. BLAINE is *not* an "apostate Catholic," and it was FOSTER who wrote to BLAINE, not BLAINE to FOSTER. Besides that, FOSTER is *not* and never was the editor o the Newark *Advertiser*.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

To-day is the anniversary of that wonderful, star-portended birth that constitutes the pivotal center on which the Christian ages all revolve. The calendars of the ancient Judaic world embraced no such gracious festival as that of the nativity which ushered in the dawn of our new and brighter day. For the Gospel which the Child of the Manger proclaimed was not limited to the Jews; it was a Gospel for the whole world. And everywhere to-day something of the spirit of those "glad tidings of great joy," then borne across the Judean plains, enters into and vivifies our complex and manifold modern civilization. Not only has the name of the Nazarene passed over our institutions, but much of it has penetrated into our political, social and domestic existence. The idea of universality, of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, which kindles the world now, came in with the birth of the Bethlehemite babe. The Soul which poured itself out to death upon the Cross for the human race struck a death-blow at the root of hereditary and caste principles, and to-day is everywhere teaching that worth and that dignity rest not upon origin and descent, but upon character. HEROD was not the less a slave because he tyrannized from a throne; but there are none who will deny that the work of that carpenter's shop at Nazareth was not noble and kingly work indeed. The whole world is continually gaining a little, and what it has gained is far more largely due to the increasing prevalence of the Christian spirit in the culture and institutions of civilized nations than to any other cause.

Let us all to-day try to bear in mind the blessings which have followed His mission upon earth, and make gratitude and reverence for them the key-note of our entire doings and belongings. We shall each feel better for our kindly and sympathetic remembrances of one another. Then there are the poor, who cannot give gifts and who rarely receive them—people who need and cannot get: the destitute, the friendless and the neglected. Their hearths and hearts should be gladdened by generous and judicious benefactions. The Son of Man was born in a stable. Let to-day be indeed made "the Sabbath of the poor man's year." The children, too, must be made to feel the warmth and fragrance of the benignant time. Of all lovers of the young HE was the chief, and some of the most pregnant lessons which HE taught were enforced by illustrations suggested by tender "babes and sucklings." In such spirit of childlikeness, affection and jar-enfolding regard, may we all keep the hallowed time, thereby putting ourselves into fitting accord with the spirit of the divinest song that has ever sounded down across the ages, proclaiming "Glory to GOD in the highest, on earth peace, good-will among men!"

WE have received from Condersport a printed copy of "An Appeal to the Legislature," that will be presented at the coming session, asking for a relaxation of the severity of our penal laws forbidding secular labor on the first day of the week, so far as the same may apply to those who conscientiously observe the seventh day as the Sabbath.

There are in Pennsylvania, this appeal tells us, four or more organizations, or denominations of religionists, who feel conscientiously bound to observe the seventh day of the week as the only weekly Sabbath, who number, in the aggregate, about fifty thousand souls. These people are distinguished from the mass of their fellow-citizens, by their observance of the seventh day of the week as the divinely appointed day of worship and rest. Several of these denominations differ only in that particular and in reference to some other peculiarities, from other Protestant Christians of an evangelical type, and from the great Baptist denomination, only in the single point respecting the Sabbath.

Our laws make an exception in favor of those who cannot conscientiously take an oath, and permit an affirmation instead. The liability to bear arms has also, at various times, been temporarily remitted in favor of those conscientiously opposed to war. The same principle, applied to these conscientious Sabbatarians, would relieve them from the penalties of the Sunday law. We do not now say that it should be done; but there certainly are plenty of precedents to justify it.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

CHRISTMAS.

BY MRS. LEVI WADE.

'Twas starlight o'er the Holy Land,
And earth as calmly slept
As though no tears of agony
By man had e'er been wept:
The leaves, stirred gently by the breeze,
Kissed lovingly the flowers;
The bending reeds by Jordan's breast
Passed dreamily the hours.

The waters of deep Galilee
Their whisp'rings sweetly bore,
And lightly breathed their fairy waves
Upon the pebbled shore.
Around Jerusalem's brow
The lucent moonbeam played—
With tenderness pave and temple dome
In silvery light arrayed.

No restured priest stood needful nigh
The stainless altar's side:
The vivid voice of psalm and chaunt
In soft repose had died:
The shepherds on Judea's plains
From labor had surceased.
When suddenly the presaged Star
Grew burning in the East.

Across the wide etherial sea
It greatened on its way,
Nor anchored till it dipped its flames
O'er where the Christ-child lay.
Unbidden music of the spheres
Quickened the night like leaven,
And harmonies of unborn years
Caught up the song from Heaven.

The quiring cherubim brake forth
With "Peace—good will to men!"
While utmost corners of the earth
Echoed the strain again.
No herald e'er such mission bore
Since Time to being sprang—
For all the immeasurable worlds,
With Man's salvation rang.

"The poor ye have always with you."
A merry Christmas! God bless every one.

Who is he that standeth alone in his selfishness to-day?

It is said that Sam Cox is too mad to crack any jokes this session.

Christmas is an evergreen planted in the heart of the centuries.

A little charity to-day is worth a world of memorizing to-morrow.

The yield of the Ohio coal mines this year will exceed 5,000,000 tons.

Did he use ox'ide? An English chemist has been arrested for wife-beating.

A "Christmas festival" in aid of a Hebrew charity will be held to-day in New York.

Illinois has a preacher who is on trial for "ballot-box stuffing" at a church election.

There is some talk of reviving the moiety method of collection of unpaid internal revenue accounts.

Do you want a glad heart? Then open it with generosity toward the little folks on this great household festival.

The twenty seven salt furnaces at Pomeroy, Ohio, will be stopped in a few days, not to resume operation before spring.

Kentucky is so overrun with rabbits that from their a-bunny-dance hunting them down has become an absolute necessity.

In Baltimore recently two persons lost their lives by eating cake which had become impregnated with phosphorus from matches.

An example to be imitated. The Pope has caused to be built in Rome at his own expense several houses for poor people and operatives.

The New York *Post* pronounces the story that Prince A. Wolkonski and Carl Schurz are about to become the responsible editors of the *Public*, untrue.

The outlet of Lake Winnipisceogee, New Hampshire, has frozen completely over, a thing that has not happened before for over a century and a half.

Several Centennial histories of the United States and a lot of rival Centennial cook books have been hashed up and are announced by various publishers.

It appears that the statement by the Philadelphia *Press* that the appointment for Centennial orator, poet and reader were clever frauds, was without authority.

Even the brute creation is suiciding. A horse hung himself the other day; a dog drowned himself; and now a rooster has dashed his brains out. So, at least, say the papers.

A marked improvement has been made in the ventilation of the Ohio coal mines during the year. The number of serious and fatal accidents have been reduced 33 per cent. since last year.

It is now intimated that the recent Richmond earthquake was nothing but an atmospheric collapse from the vacuum caused by the exodus of Virginia office seekers to Washington.

We find this Gregorian chant in the Rochester *Democrat*: "Put away the little sleigh-bells, hang the little skates up there. Winter's gone to meet a playmate, Frost has climbed the golden stair."

The Western cities are quarrelling over the new mint which Dr. Linderman proposes to throw into the Mississippi Valley, and there's going to be a mint of trouble before the matter is settled.

PERSONAL.

Dr. L. K. Lippincott, the husband of "Grace Greenwood," has been appointed Chief Clerk of the Land Office in Washington.

The descendants of Rebecca Nourse, who was hanged in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692, on complaint of being a witch, have formed an association for the purpose of erecting a monument to her memory.

General Eaton, Commissioner of Education, has been invited to be present and deliver an address at the dedication of the Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn., on the 1st of January next. The building, which cost between $70,000 and $80,000, it is stated, was erected mainly through the efforts of the colored Jubilee Singers, who are now in Europe.

Mrs. Foster, of Iowa, has just won her first case in the Supreme Court of that State, in the lower court the case went against her client, but the lady took an appeal and the Supreme Court reversed the opinion of the lower court. The Burlington *Hawkeye* says: "Mrs. Foster doesn't make any very great fuss about her rights, but she sets her sisters a good example by walking right up and taking them, as the men do."

The recent death of Mrs. C. C. Bowen, wife of the famous bigamist-Congressman, was widely mourned in Charleston, she was of good family, her father being the Hon. James L. Petigru, one of the best law yers ever known in the State. At the time Bowen married her she was a widow, and so marvelously beautiful that President Grant said, when he pardoned Bowen, that the temptation was one which almost any man might yield to. Mrs. Bowen was buried at St. Michael's church by the side of her father. Her remains were followed to the grave by many prominent citizens of Charleston.

Col. Morrison, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was a private in the Mexican war, and at the outbreak of the rebellion he enlisted a regiment of infantry, which was enrolled as the 49th Illinois, and of which he was commissioned Colonel. He commanded the regiment in the bloody engagements on the extreme right of General Grant's line at Fort Donelson, where he received a musket shot through the body, and from the supposed mortal character of the wound was reported as among the killed. He recovered, however, but was never able to return to service. The nature of his wound, a shot through the lungs, is the physical cause of his present inability to make a speech of any great length. Donelson was the first and only battle of the war in which Colonel Morrison was engaged. It was also the first battle in which Senator Logan was engaged. Their positions were near each other, and it is remarkable that both were wounded and carried from the field in the same assault.

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EXPLANATION.

No. 2, Court of Common Pleas. No. 2 indicates the court of which the writ of execution was issued under which the sale is made; V. E., or Vend. Ex., Venditioni Exponas; L. F., or Lev. Fa., Levari Facias; F. F., or Fi. Fa., Fieri Facias, show the kind of writs; a Levari Facias is the writ of sale upon a mortgage, mechanics' lien, or a municipal lien; Venditioni, or Fieri Facias, upon an ordinary debt, or for ground rent; 22 J., '76, means No. 22 of January Term, 1876, the number and term of the docket entry; the following figures show the amount of the debt, and the name following is the name of the attorney issuing the writ.

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No. 2, V. E., 22 J., '76. $5,040 95.

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Lot fronting 36 feet on north side of Pius street, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, and running back between lots of Hannman and Heffron, 148 feet, and having thereon erected a two story brick house. Deed Book, vol. 178, page 131.

JACOB DONCH.

No. 2, L. F., 30 J., '76. $562 27.

GEYER.

Lot fronting 55 feet on township road, at corner of New Brighton plankroad in McClure township and having thereon erected a two story frame building. Deed Book, vol. 274, page 571.

SYLVESTER BARKER and WM. BURTON.

No. 2, L. F., 31 J., '76. $11,533 33.

GEYER.

Three lots fronting each 20 feet on east side of Anderson street, Allegheny City, and running back between lots of Forest and McIntosh about 140 feet to an alley, together with machinery, &c., contained in buildings erected on said property. Deed Book, vol. 257, page 234.

PETER J. GORDON and FRANCIS FITZGERALD.

No. 2, F. F., 39 J., '75. $438 28.

BROWN & LAMBIE.

Lots Nos. 10 and 11 in W. J. Radcliff's plan, fronting together 48 feet on north side of Chestnut street, Wilkins township, and running back about 134 feet. Deed Book, vol. 233, page 251, and vol. 343, page 382. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 152.

RICHARD MORTON.

No. 2, L. F., 42 J., '76. $792 11.

A. J. BARTON.

Lot No. 35 in C. H. Love's plan, fronting 20 feet on Verd avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 91 feet to Apple alley. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 34.

MARGARET CLANCEY, trustee for STEPHEN CLANCEY.

No. 2, L. F., 46 J., '75. $2,294 95.

PURVIANCE.

Lot No. 8 in C. H. Love's plan, fronting 24 feet on Rose street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back along Charles street 110 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling.

JACOB MEYER and JULIUS EICHER.

No. 2, L. F., 48 J., '76. $863 57.

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Three-story brick saloon and dwelling and lot fronting 20 feet on Diamond street, Pittsburgh, and running back 95 feet, being No. 75 on said street.

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No. 2, L. F., 71 J., '75. $2,262 90.

MACCONNELL.

Lot No. 132 in Mellon's plan of Homewood, fronting 25 feet on a 40 feet street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to an alley. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 270.

MICHAEL O'NEAL.

No. 2, V. E., 93 J., '76. $230 33.

REARDON & O'KEEFE.

Lot No. 37 in Charles Meyran's plan, fronting 22 feet on Meyran street, Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 134.

HENRICH SAUER.

No. 2, F. F., 94 J., '75. $650.

THOMAS WHITESELL.

Lot fronting 24 feet on south side of Franklin street, 144 feet east from Fulton street, Allegheny City, and running back 130 feet to Decatur street, and having thereon erected a two-story frame house and back buildings. Deed Book, vol. 228, p. 435.

MICHAEL M'CANN.

No. 2, L. F., 97 J., '76. $1,388 70.

SLAGLE & WILEY.

Lots Nos. 41 and 42 in Wm. G. Brown's plan, fronting 24 5-6 feet on Sarah street, Lower St. Clair township, and running back along Union street about 114 feet to an alley, on which it has a width of 60¾ feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house. Deed Book, vol. 244, page 5. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 65.

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No. 2, L. F., 98 J., '76. $1,145 38.

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Part of lot No. 105 in Sylvanus Lathrop's plan, fronting 21 feet on south side of Robinson street, Allegheny City, and running back 58 feet.

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No. 2, F. F., 102 J., '76. $385. J. H. KERR.

Lot fronting 30 feet on west side of Forty-fifth street, 212 75-100 feet from Dawson street, Seventeenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 166 7-10 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected four two-story brick dwelling houses. Deed Book, vol. 284, page 554.

MARTIN M'MAHON.

No. 2, L. F., 106 J., '76. $1,121 56.

M. HUNTER.

Lot No. 101 in plan of Anna H. Irwin's executors, fronting 20½ feet on Forty-sixth street, Seventeenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to an alley. Deed Book, vol. 271, page 403.

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No. 2, V. E., 118 J., '76. $436 32. LEWIS.

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Lot fronting 30 feet on south side of Main street, Sharpsburg, adjoining above described lot and running back 100 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 211, page 182.

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No. 2, L. F., 120 J., '76. $2,104.

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Lots Nos. 414 and 449, in Joseph M. Gazzam's plan, fronting 25 feet on Mohawk street, Pitt township, and running back 100 feet to Beelen street.

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No. 2, F. F., 127 J., '76. $187 65.

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Lots Nos. 11 and 12, in F. J. Melaney's plan, fronting together 43 feet on north side of Cliff street, Eleventh ward, Allegheny City, and running back about 134 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame tenement house. Deed Book, vol. 273, page 305. Plan Book, vol. 2, page 179.

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3d.

Lot No. 4 in said plan, fronting 20 feet on south side of Bingham street, about 98 feet west from Thirteenth street and running back about 76 feet.

4th.

Lot No. 6 in said plan, fronting about 33 feet on south side of Bingham street, running back 96 feet.

5th.

Lot No. 296 in Gregg's plan, fronting 21 feet on north side of Manor street and extends back to an alley.

6th.

Lot No. 297 in Gregg's plan, fronting 35¾ feet on north side of Manor street, and extends back to an alley.

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8th.

Lot fronting 20 feet on north side of Washington street, 130 feet from Twelfth street, and running back about 41 feet.

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Lot No. 9 in Cunliff's plan fronting about 20 feet on Twelfth street and running back along Washington street about 95 feet.

10th.

Lot No. 8 in Cunniff's plan fronting 21½ feet on Twelfth street, and running back 95 feet to an alley.

PETER GILG.

No. 2, F. F., 143 J., '75. $703 05.

BROWN & LAMBIE.

Lots Nos. 8, 12 and 13 in Chas. Hartman's plan, fronting each 30 feet on Shady avenue, Allegheny City, and running back 100 feet to Clay alley. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 143.

JAMES R. SMITH.

No. 2, V. E., 150 J., '76. $33 41. GILL.

Lot fronting 30 feet on north side of Broad street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, adjoining J. McClintock's lot, and running back 95½ feet, and having thereon erected a two-story brick dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 246, page 38.

JOHN MEYER.

No. 2, V. E., 151 J., '76. $1,035. PETTY.

"Lot No. 12 in plan of Rush estate, fronting 24 feet on south side of Fifth avenue, Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, running back about 166 feet to Forbes street.

2d.

Piece of land situate in Kilbuck township, bounded by lands of Peter Geis, Woods and Knox, Muller and Hartany, containing 14 acres, 2 roods and 25 perches, and having thereon a small frame dwelling, orchard and vineyard.

JOSEPH M'NEILLY.

No. 2, F. F., 156 J., '76. $1,425.

BRUCE and NEGLEY.

Piece of land situate in Scott township, bounded by lands of John and Robt. McNeilly,—Boyd, Thomas Knowlson, Richard Knowlson and E. and W. Hughey, containing 32 acres, more or less, and having thereon erected two two-story frame dwellings, frame barn, stable and outbuildings.

HAMLET LOWE, with notice to THOMAS ROLLINS, terretenant.

No. 2, L. F., 157 J., '76. $545 48.

PFLAUM.

Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Bedford avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back along C. H. Love's line 150 feet. Deed Book, vol. 261, page 635.

MICHAEL O'HARA and FRANCIS A. O'HARA.

No. 2, L. F., 158 J., '76. $11,157 24.

NEWMEYER.

Lots Nos. 215 and 216 in Francis A. O'Hara's plan, fronting together 42 feet on Roup street, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 26. Also, piece of land adjoining above described lots, fronting 62 feet on Roup street, and running back 180 feet, being lots Nos. 217, 218 and 219, with parts of lots Nos. 160, 161 and 162, and intermediate space in said plan. On said property there is erected two adjoining two-story brick dwellings with mansard roofs. Deed Book, vol. 333, page 438.

CASPER RAHN

No. 2, L. F., 164 J., '76. $4,620 71.

E. P. JONES.

Lot No. 116 in plan of Wm. Robinson, Jr., fronting 25 feet on Fifth street, Seventh ward, Allegheny City, running back about 218 feet. Deed Book, vol. 214, page 180. Plan Book, vol. 2, page 52.

2d.

Lot No. 115 in said plan, fronting 25 feet on High street, adjoining above described lot, and running back about 218 feet.

3d.

Lots Nos. 117 and 118 in said plan, fronting together 50 feet on north side of High street and running back about 219 feet. Deed Book, vol. 222, page 127.

HENRY FISHER'S heirs.

No. 2, L. F., 165 J., '76. $575 73. MONRO.

Lot fronting about 50 feet on south side of township road, 41 5-10 feet south from the manor line, Pittsburgh, and running back to Ingrus alley. Deed Book, vol. 184, page 344.

W. B. GETCHELL.

No. 2, L. F., 167 J., '76. $652 50.

A. C. PATTERSON.

Lot No. 5 in James East's new plan fronting 40 feet on New Brighton road, borough of Bellevue, and running back 175 feet. Deed Book, vol. 250, page 300. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 36.

ANTON HOFFMAN

No. 2, L. F., 179 J., '76. $1,286. MCCOMBS.

Lot fronting 22¾ feet on south side of Locust street, 159½ feet east from Shingiss street, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to an alley. Deed Book, vol. 200, page 616.

JOHN A. MORRISON and MARGARET MORRISON, his wife.

No. 2, L. F., 180 J., '76. $10,480.

SLAGLE & WILEY.

Lot fronting about 122 feet on north bank of Pennsylvania Canal, adjoining land of Mrs. Hamilton, Allegheny City, and running back across Butler road, 245 1-42 feet to A. Harvey's line, where it has a width of 191 5-12 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story dwelling and outbuildings. Deed Book, vol. 238, page 450.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS with notice to A. MCFARLAND, his assignee.

No. 2, L. F., 181 J., '76. $1,196 18.

DICKEN.

Lot No. 3 in Joseph Patterson's plan, fronting 40 feet on Garden street, Thirty-second ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 78 6-10 feet, excepting and reserving all coal under said lot and right of way for mining same.

JOHN MARSULA and CATHARINE MARSULA.

No. 2, L. F., 182 J., '76. $788.

C. C. PATTERSON.

Lot fronting 19 feet on Enoch street, 64 feet west from Devilliers street, Eleventh ward, Pittsburgh, and running back a depth of 80 feet, being parts of lots Nos. 23 and 24 in Alexander Miller's plan.

JOHN STONINSKI.

No. 2, L. F., 186 J., '76. $1,852 68.

STONER.

Lot No. 108 in Boyd and Allen's plan, fronting 19½ feet on Brownsville road, Pittsburgh, and running back along Locust alley to lot No. 109, and having thereon erected two frame dwelling houses. Deed Book, vol. 316, page 663. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 122.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL.

No. 2, V. E., 187 J., '76. $64 50. DICKEN.

Lot No. 123 and 19 feet of No. 124 in Wm. Robinson, Jr.'s plan of city of Allegheny, called Buena Vista, fronting 30 feet on east side of Monterey street, 458 feet north from North common and running back 160 feet to Kelly alley, and having thereon erected three two-story brick houses. Deed Book, vol. 247, page 23. Excepting thereout lot fronting 15 feet on Monterey street by 55 feet deep. Deed Book, vol. 316, page 443.

JEREMIAH GRANDESON.

No. 2, L. F., 201 J., '76. $3,459 50.

GILMORE.

Lot No. 110 in Stephen Colwell's plan, fronting 20 feet on east side of Overhill street, Eleventh ward, Pittsburgh, running back 100 feet, and having thereon erected a board stable and carriage house. Deed Book, vol. 242, page 278. Plan Book, vol. 1, page 65.

2d.

Lot No. 111 in said plan, fronting 20 feet on east side of Overhill street, and running back 100 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story brick house. Deed Book, vol. 178, page 27.

HUGH ATKINSON.

No. 2, F. F., 204 J., '76. $130.

KOETHEN.

Lot No. 131 in William Porter's plan fronting 20 feet 4 2-5 inches on Webster street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh and running back along Kirkpatrick street 100 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a one-story frame dwelling with outbuildings. Plan Book, vol. 2, page 40.

ELIZABETH BERNDT.

No. 2, L. F., 218 J., '76. $1,088 38.

J. M. STONER.

Piece of land situated in Baldwin township, adjoining land of Peter Kunzler and containing 10 acres, subject to certain reservations and exceptions, rights and privileges.

GEORGE ARNOLD, deceased, in the hands of JOHN W. BECKETT, administrator.

No. 2, L. F., 224 J., '76. $880 03.

MACCONNELL & SON.

Lot fronting 35 feet on south side of Heberton street, Pittsburgh, and running back along lot of Rose McMillin, 93½ feet, being parts of lots Nos. 37 and 38 in Geo. G. Negley's plan. Plan Book, vol. 3, pages 102 and 103.

ALLEN MEANS and WILLIAM MEANS.

No. 2, L. F., 225 J., '76. $3,311. TODD.

Lots Nos. 102 and 103 in Thomas Bakewell's subdivision plan, fronting together 40 feet on Chancey street, borough of Manchester, and running back 132½ feet to North alley.

GEORGE DAVIDSON,

No. 2, L. F., 230 J., '76. $2,304 75.

ROSS & SNIVELY.

Lot fronting 20 feet on south side of Jane street, Twenty-fifth ward, Pittsburgh, 68 feet 5½ inches east from Twenty-fourth street, and running back 120 feet to Harcum's alley.

JACOB HASS.

No. 2, V. E., 234 J., '76. $550 26. R. ROBB.

Lot fronting 31 feet on Pike street, Sixteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 117 feet, and having thereon erected three two-story frame dwellings with stone basements and also frame slaughter house. Deed Book, vol. 162, page 546.

JOHN MOFFET.

No. 2, L. F., 262 J., '76. $4,500.

A. H. MILLER.

Lot fronting 20 feet on south side of Carson street, Pittsburgh, and running back along Joseph street 120 feet to a street, and having thereon erected a two-story dwelling, wagon shop and blacksmith shop. Deed Book, vol. 177, page 578.

2d.

Lot fronting 24 feet on north side of a 24 feet alley, 72 feet east from Joseph street, Pittsburgh, and running back 58 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame house, with kitchen attached. Deed Book, vol. 169, page 221.

SARAH RILEY.

No. 2, F. F., 271 J., '76. $626.

A. C. PATTERSON.

Lot adjoining lot of A. C. Patterson, in Third ward, Allegheny City, being 25 by 80 feet, and having thereon erected four brick houses.

JOHN N. SCHAFER.

No. 2, V. E., 274 J., '76. $251 56. COYLE.

Lot No. 296 in Gregg's plan, fronting 21 feet on north side of Manor street, Birmingham, running back to an alley.

2d.

Lot No. 297 in said plan, fronting 36½ feet on Manor street, and running back to an alley, and having thereon erected a one-story frame dwelling.

3d.

Lots Nos. 22, 23 and two feet of No. 21 in John Brown's plan, fronting together 42 feet on south side of Manor street, and running back 150 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a three-story frame dwelling, a two-story brick dwelling and a stone beer vault.

WILLIAM ECKERT and ANTOINETTE ECKERT, late ANTOINETTE BEAUMONT.

No. 2, L. F., 275 J., '76. $3,315. RIDDELL.

Lot fronting 20 feet on north side of Second street, Pittsburgh, and running back 80 feet, and having thereon erected a three-story brick dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 221, page 590. Subject to a ground rent of $120 annually.

ANDREW J. M'LAUGHLIN and ALMIRA M'LAUGHLIN, his wife.

No. 2, L. F., 278 J., '76. $313. FLOYD.

Part of lots Nos. 1 and 3, section 3, of Buchanan plan, fronting 20 feet on Talbot street, borough of Braddock, and running back 100 feet. Deed Book, vol. 188, page 209.

GEORGE HUBLEY, WM. G. HUBLEY, DAVID E. ADAMS and E. WANSBROUGH.

No. 2, L. F., 286 J., '76. $5,435 11.

GEYER.

Lots of ground situate in the Fourth ward, city of Allegheny, fronting 30 feet on south side of Main street, 61¾ feet from Cherry street and extending back to Saw Mill alley, and then extending eastwardly along said alley to Cherry street, on which it fronts 49½ feet, and having thereon erected a two-storied brick building known as the "Keystone Bolt and Nut Works."

G. A. CONRAD.

No. 2, F. F., 287 J., '76. $500.

C. H. JOHNSON.

Lots Nos. 36 and 37 in E. Phillips' plan, fronting each 30 feet on John street, St. Clair township and running back 120 feet to Middle alley and having thereon erected two frame dwellings. Deed Book, vol. 61, page 6.

CHARLES HARBACH.

No. 2, L. F., 290 and 388 J., '76. $548 37, $356 25.

HAYMAKER & MITCHELL.

Two-story frame house and lot or curtilage appurtenant thereto, being lots Nos. 1 and 2, block 2 in C. Shaler's plan, in Union borough, fronting on south side of Sherman avenue and running back to Weil street.

HENRY WENZEL.

No. 2, L. F., 291 J., '76. $1,130.

MCKENNA

Lot fronting 42 feet on north side of Keil alley, 200 feet west from Narrow alley, in Clair borough, and running back 60 feet to land of Hill Burgwin, and having thereon erected a one-story frame house. Deed Book, vol 286, page 687.

GEORGE HEITZMAN.

No. 2, F. F., 297 J., '76. $155. FLOYD

Lot fronting 31 15-100 feet on Second avenue, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, running back 100 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story brick house.

A. M. COOK and LIZZIE M. COOK, his wife

No. 2, L. F., 310 J., '76. $2,158 85.

A. J. BARTON

Lot No. 19 in C. H. Love's plan in North Fayette township, fronting 15 perches on Hiland avenue and running back about 42 perches. Deed Book, vol. 229, page 125.

WM. ADAMS.

No. 2, F. F., 325 J., '76. $112.

MCKENNA

Lots Nos. 129 and 130 in Brackenridge's plan of extension of Tarentum, fronting 82½ feet on Canal street and running back 385 feet. Deed Book, vol. 215, page 99, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling.

WM. H. SIMPSON.

No. 2, F. F., 336, 340 J., '76. $1,200, $2,000

MCKENNA.

Lots Nos. 237, 236 and part of 235 in O'Hara's plan, fronting 100 feet on Walnut street, Twentieth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back between Meadow and Roup street about 53 feet. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 26 and 27.

JOHN SHERRY and CATHARINE SHERRY, his wife, and JOHN SHERRY.

No. 2, F. F., 337, 339 and 341 J., '76. $200 $1,600 and $2,200.

MCKENNA

Lot No. 26 in Robert Robb's plan, fronting 24 feet on Duncan street and extending back 100 feet to Hill alley, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh.

2d.

Lot No. 69 in said plan, fronting 24 feet on Mahon street and running back 100 feet to Hill alley, and having thereon erected two frame dwellings.

ELIZABETH SCHLENDER, JOHN G. A. FRIES and JOSEPH A. FRICK.

No. 2, F. F., 338 J., '76. $2,000.

MCKENNA.

Lots Nos. 243 and 245 in E. D. Gazzam's plan, fronting 24 feet on south side of Pennsylvania avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back to Forbes street. Plan Book, vol. 1, part 2, page 73. Also, lot No. 242 in said plan, fronting 20 feet on Forbes street, and running back 62 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling.

JAMES MELDRUM and EMILY MELDRUM his wife.

No. 2, L. F., 344 J., '76. $1,371 42.

FRAZER.

Lot fronting 33½ feet on Centre street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, 349 feet 5 1-5 inches from Larimer avenue and running back 152 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling and other improvements.

ANDREW M. SUTCH.

No. 2, F. F., 345 J., '76. $3,000. GILL

Lot fronting 152 feet on a private road, 91 78-100 feet from Braddocks Field road, Twenty-second ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 44 feet to land of Jamison, and upon which there is bored and pumping salt water well, and salt pans and salt manufactory.

2d.

Lot fronting 166 1-5 feet on Braddocks Field road, said ward and city, and running back to Monongahela river. Deed Book, vol. 309, page 695.

3d.

Piece of land situated in said ward and city bounded by lands of Wm. Sutch and W. N. Stewart, containing 3 acres, strict measure. Deed Book, vol. 277, page 622.

4th.

Piece of land in said ward and city, adjoining lands of Wm. Sutch and W. N. Stewart, and containing 10 acres and 143 perches. On said property there are erected two, two-story frame dwelling houses, frame stable and outbuildings.

ADAM KIEFNER.

No. 2, F. F., 346 J., '76. $125.

MILLER & MCBRIDE

Piece of land situate in Baldwin township, bounded by lands of Wm. Meichle's heirs, Wm. Wilson and Mrs. Stewart, containing 1 acre and 86 perches and having thereon erected a frame dwelling, slaughter house and stable.

ROBT. CORNELL and ANDREW WERLING

No. 2, F. F., 350 J., '76. $70,000.

BURGWIN.

Piece of land situate in Elizabeth township, adjoining lands of Wm. Douglass and Brown's heirs and Youghiogheny river.

2d.

Piece of land in said township adjoining lands of Heath, Douglass and Youghiogheny river, containing 3 acres 9 4-10 perches, strict measure, and having thereon erected 12 dwellings, store-house, blacksmith shop, salt works, coal railroad, tipple, landing and other privileges, &c., known as Boston.

3d.

Piece of land in said township containing 1 acre 117 4-10 perches, strict measure, and having thereon erected a frame tenement.

4th.

Piece of land in said township adjoining last above described piece, being 2 perches wide and extending 1 perch on each side of railroad.

5th.

All the bituminous coal of the vein now opened, lying in and under piece of land situate in Elizabeth township and bounded by lands of McGuiston & Co., O'Neil, &c., containing 150 acres and 49 8-10 perches, together with all rights and privileges necessary for mining said coal, landings, building and maintaining railroad, including the use of 3 acres and 127 square feet of the land. See Deed Book, vol. 189, page 81.

6th.

All that coal vein and property in said township, marked on draft dated December 5th, 1868 made out by Jacob Nester, bounded by coal of Ward & Co., James O'Neal and Youghiohery river.

7th.

All that certain leasehold of premises, having thereon erected a one-and-one-half story house, together with all rights and privileges. Deed Book, vol. 244, page 83.

8th.

Piece of land in said township bounded by lands of Douglass, Young and Warren, containing 6 acres and 22.6 perches. Deed Book, vol. 266, page 101.

9th.

Piece of land in said township adjoining land of Douglass, containing 4 acres 13 2-10 perches, and having thereon erected an engine house, two engines, machinery, &c.

10th.

Piece of land adjoining land of Douglass in said township, containing 4 acres and 88 perches, including stone coal underlying the same.

11th.

Piece of land adjoining last above described piece, containing 1 acre, 55.6 perches, subject to reservation of coal. Deed Book, vol. 275, page 468.

12th.

Piece of land in said township, bounded by lands of O'Neal, Douglass and Cherry, containing 1¾ acres 9¾ perches.

13th.

Strip of land on which is erected a coal railroad, 3 and 4 perches wide and 1,040½ perches long, containing 4¾ acres 5 3-20 perches. Deed Book, vol. 276, page 22.

14th.

Piece of land adjoining land of H. Heath and Youghiogheny river containing 36 perches.

15th.

Triangular shaped piece of land adjoining lands of Heath and Douglass, containing 23 3-10 perches. Deed Book, vol. 197, page 444.

16th.

Piece of land adjoining said river and lands of Heath and J. D. Williams containing 33½ perches.

17th.

Piece of land adjoining said river and land of J. D. Williams, containing 1 acre and 20 perches.

18th.

Piece of land adjoining said river and land of J. D. Williams containing 71¾ perches. Deed Book, vol. 197, page 446.

19th.

All coal underlying piece of land bounded by lands of Henderson and Samuel Rankin, containing 69 acres 110 perches, together with all rights, liberties and privileges necessary for mining and removing said coal, &c.

20th.

Piece of land adjoining lands of Lake and John S. Kuhn and the Youghiogheny river, containing 1 acre and 88¾ perches.

21st.

Piece of land adjoining the last above described piece containing 2 acres and 140¾ perches, subject to rights reserved to John S. Kuhn.

22d.

All merchantable coal underlying piece of land on Youghiogheny river adjoining lands of Pittsburgh and Youghiogheny Coal Company, B. McQuiston and John Rankin, containing formerly 244 acres and 14 7-10 perches of coal, together with all rights and privileges of mining, airage, drainage, &c. Deed Book, vol. 187, page 75.

23d.

All that certain leasehold of 4 acres and 121 perches surface land, fronting on Youghiogheny river, bounded by lands of Pittsburgh and Youghiogheny Coal Company and Robert Rankin, subject to payment of taxes. See article of agreement filed in Court of Common Pleas No. 2, at No. 640 January term, 1874.

24th.

All coal underlying piece of land adjoining lands of E. Henderson and Samuel Rankin, containing 17 acres and 68 perches, subject to rights of E. Henderson or heirs. Also piece of land lying partly in front of crop of above tract, and containing 77 6 10 perches, subject to certain rights and powers. See Deed Book, vol. 186, page 450.

JOHN A. CAROTHERS.

No. 2, F. F., 359 J., '76. $8,834 47.

STEWART.

Lots Nos. 26 and 27 in John A. Carothers' plan, fronting each 75 feet on North avenue, Braddocks Field, and running back about 210 feet to Spring street.

2d.

Lots Fos. 7 and 8 in said plan, fronting together 192 16-100 feet on north side of Kirkpatrick avenue, and running back 200 4-100 feet to North avenue.

3d.

Lots Nos. 11 and 12 in said plan, fronting together 150 feet on Kirkpatrick avenue, and running back about 200 feet to North avenue.

WM. A. REED.

No. 2, F. F., 363 J., '76. $11,088.

MCCOMBS.

Lot fronting 30 feet on Stockton avenue, Allegheny City, and running back 240 feet to Water alley, and having thereon erected a three-story brick dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 246, page 143.

ANDREW M. SUTCH.

No. 2, L. F., 366 J., '76. $2,882 63. GILL

Piece of land situate in Twenty-second ward, Pittsburgh, adjoining lands of Wm. Sutch and Wm. Stewart, containing three acres strict measure.

2d.

Piece of land situate in Twenty-second ward, Pittsburgh, adjoining lands of Wm. Sutch and Wm. Stewart, containing 10 acres and 143 perches, and having thereon erected two two-story frame dwellings, frame stable and outbuildings.

JOHN F. EVERSMAN with notice to JAMES GINNIFF and JOHN MARSHALL.

No. 2, L. F., 367 J., '76. $2,458 21. GILL

Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Hon. William Porter's plan, fronting about 67 feet on Wylie avenue, Eleventh ward, Pittsburgh, and running back along Willow street 120 feet to an alley. Plan Book vol. 2, page 42.

A. M. RAY.

No. 2, L. F., 385 J., '76. $1,270 23.

SLAGLE & WILEY.

Leasehold of premises fronting 21½ feet on north side of First street, 82½ feet east from West street, Third ward, Allegheny city, and running back 110 feet to Second alley, said lease being for the term of eleven years from April, 1st, 1865 and having thereon erected a two story brick stable.

MRS. ANN KENNEDY.

No. 2, L. F., 387 J., '76. $1,087. MCCOMBS

Lot No. 93 in plan of Robt. Robb, trustee, fronting 25 feet on Centre avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 120 feet to John street.

WM. DOERR.

No. 2, F. F., 389 J., '76. $1,500. POLLOCK.

Piece of land situate in Elizabeth township, bounded by lands of Kuhn, Machin & McBride, C. Doerr, Graham, Martin and McCabe, containing 3 acres, 61 4-10 perches, strict measure, and having thereon erected a dwelling and outbuildings.

JEFF. RINAMAN.

No. 2, F., 390 J., '76. $559 38.

FRIEND.

Lot fronting 22 feet on south side of Adams street, 160 feet east from Manhattan street, Sixth ward, Allegheny City, and running back 123½ feet to South alley, and having thereon erected a two-story brick dwelling and stable. Deed Book, vol. 262, page 140.

HENRY HEMPLE.

No. 2, F. F., 458 J., '76. $528 75.

BARTON.

Lots Nos. 25 and 26 in D. S. Williams' plan, fronting together 40 feet on Ella street, 80 feet from Isabella street, Sixteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 137 feet to Oak alley, and having erected on No. 25 a two-story frame dwelling and on No. 26 a wash house and coal shed.

SAMUEL THROP.

No. 2, L. F., 440 J., '76. $698 14.

J. H. KERR

Lot No. 315 in Samuel Walker's plan of additional lots to borough of Elizabeth, fronting 60 feet on Eighth street and running back 120 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 302, page 400.

CHARLES GRASSELL.

No. 2, L. F., 441 J., '76. $2,302 05.

J. H. KERR

Lot fronting 28 feet on east side of Beaver avenue, Fifth ward, Allegheny City, and running back along lot of Daniel Donnelly about 136 feet to Evans alley, and having thereon erected a two-story brick store and dwelling, and a two-story frame shop and stable.

JOHN RAAB and CATHARINE RAAB, deceased, in the hands of JOHN RAAB, administrator.

No. 2, L. F., 442 J., '76. $2,364 30.

J. H. KERR

Lot fronting 46 feet on East street, 24 feet from loli house lot, Seventh ward, Allegheny city, and running back 150 feet to Howard street, and having thereon erected a one-story frame stable and butcher kitchen.

STEWART M'CRACKEN.

No. 2, F. F., 446 J., '76. $420. TAYLOR

Lot fronting 504 feet on Water street, Wilkinsburg, and running back between Main and Wallace street 165 feet, and having thereon erected two dwellings.

2d.

Lot fronting 132 feet on Water street and running back along Wallace street 132 feet to land of S. P. Ludwick, and having thereon erected a small frame house.

HUGH BEVINGTON.

No. 2, L. F., 448 J., '76. $5,025 07.

STONER.

Lot fronting 24 perches on Baker street, Leet township, at northeast corner of lot No. 12 in William C. Dunn's plan, and running back 46.76 perches.

2d.

Lot fronting 24 8-10 perches on Beaver road, and running back between property of T. W. Grubbs and W. Chivers to railroad.

3d.

Lot bounded by the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R., the Beaver road and lands of —— Woods and Wm. C. Dunn, containing 1 acre, more or less.

HUGH BEVINGTON.

No. 2, L. F., 449 J., '76. $4,464 30.

STONER.

Lots Nos. 12 and 19 in Dunn' plan, situate in Leet township, and bounded by Baker street, Ohio river, Big Sewickly creek and lot No. 11. Plan Book, vol. 1, part 1, page 84.

ALLEN J. PARKE.

No. 2, L. F., 450 J., '76. $547 13.

GILMORE.

Lot fronting 20 feet on East side of Franklin street, Birmingham, and running back about 77 feet. Deed Book, vol. 199, page 79.

WILLIAM P. WRIGHT and MARY M. WRIGHT.

No. 2, F. F., 451 J., '76. $3,191 33.

N. W. SCHAFER.

Lots Nos. 35 and 36 in plan of the Second National L. and H. Association at Hayswille, Kilbuck township, and having thereon erected a frame cottage and outbuildings.

JOHN ZEHNTER.

No. 2, L. F., 452 J., '76. $381 15. MONRO.

Lot No. 37 in Oliveretta Wharton's plan, fronting 25 feet on south side of Maple street, 79 feet West from Outlet alley, and running back about 49 feet to Ridge street. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 262.

JOHN D. MORGAN.

No. 2, F. F., 459 J., '76. $108 33.

ROSS & SNIVELY.

Lots Nos. 59 and 60 in William G. Lord's plan, situate in Thirty-second ward, Pittsburgh, and having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 167.

JACOB SCHIMMER.

No. 2, F. F., 460 J., '76. $7,000 00

BROWN & LAMBIE.

Piece of land fronting 30 perches on Shady avenue, Eleventh ward, Allegheny City, adjoining lands of — Seibert & W. Schimmer, and having thereon erected a one and one-half story frame dwelling, stable and sheds, excepting and reserving blocks 1, 4, 5 and 7, lots 4 and 5 in block 4; Nos. 12, 9 and 10 in block 5. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 240.

GEORGE W. NELSON.

No. 2, F. F., 461 J., '76. $400.

RODGERS & OLIVER.

Lot No. 28 in Robert Arthur's plan, fronting 20 feet on Bismark way, Tenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 78 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling.

THOMAS FLETCHER GRUBS.

No. 2, F. F., 469 J., '76. $703 12.

KIRKER.

Lot fronting about 156 feet on north side of Gallagher street, Second ward, Allegheny City, and running back along John Workman's line 151 5-12 feet to Catharine street, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 224, page 79.

2d.

Lot fronting fifteen feet on West side of Federal street, 15 feet north from Benton alley, Second ward, Allegheny City, and running back 86 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame store house and wareroom. Deed Book, vol. 223, page 70.

HENRY C. SPREEN.

No. 2, L. F.,

CITY MATTERS.

For eighty-five cents per month the DAILY COMMERCIAL will be mailed to travelers or to subscribers who are temporarily absent from Pittsburgh. The address of the paper will be changed as often as is desired.

Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV. } Room 25, First National Bank, PITTSBURGH, PA., December 24, 1875.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	Force.	Weath.
7 A. M..	29.902	43	83	N. E.	Fresh.	Lt.rain
2 P. M..	29.613	46	93	S.	Brsk.	Cloudy
9 P. M..	29.608	38	75	S.	Gentle	Clear.

Mean barometer...29.695 Highest thermom....58
Mean thermom.... 46.7 Lowest thermom....41
Rainfall.......... .78

The Pittsburgh Female College
will reopen January 3. Charges reduced. Room for only six more boarders. Apply to Rev. I. C. Pershing, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Murray's Bond.
J. G. Murray, Esq., County Treasurer elect, yesterday filed his bonds in the Common Pleas Court No. 1. The bonds aggregate $300,000, ($100,000 to the State and $200,000 to the county, and the sureties are Thomas Varner, James Kelly, Wm. Gilfillan, John H. Hare, Hugh S. Fleming, B. B. Coursin and H. H. Murray.

City Roads.
The Road Committee met yesterday afternoon and decided to recommend affirmatively the ordinance for the opening of Notley street. The following contracts were let:

Concord alley sewer to McDonough & Logan.
Sylvan avenue bridge, over Watson's hollow, to R. E. Reno.
Euclid street grading to R. Ellis.
Adjourned.

Disadvantages of Advertising.
Advertising is a great bother. It only brings a lot of folks to your place of business. If they want you let them hunt you up. Then if you get your name in the paper you will be bored with drummers, and people will call on you and you will have to show them goods. Your stock will be exhausted so much that you will be obliged to buy more goods, which is a great trouble. If you advertise, too, it gives your place a reputation abroad; then you will go there and crowd, and make it too lively. If you don't want to do anything, keep as still as you can.

Pittsburgh Female College.
The Pittsburgh Female College is enjoying rare prosperity. More pupils are in attendance than at any time last year, or the year previous. Sixteen additional boarders will enter at the reopening after the holidays, leaving room for only six more. The excellent buildings and accommodations of the college, its high tone, large faculty and superior facilities in music (in the conservatory connected with the college), are increasing the attendance, while every branch of business is on the decline. Those who intend to enter should make immediate application to the President, Rev. I. C. Pershing, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Courts During the Holidays.
The Common Pleas, No. 1, will not meet again until Friday next, when the trial list will be arraigned for the following week, and Sheriff's deeds will be acknowledged by special order of Court. Jury trials will be resumed on the first Monday of January, and the argument list will not be taken up until the last Monday of February.

The Common Pleas No. 2 will meet on Saturday, January 1, at ten o'clock. On Monday, January 3, the argument list will be taken up and continued through the week. Jury trials will not be resumed until Monday, January 10, and jurors summoned to appear on Monday, the 3d, will not be required to attend until Monday, January 10.

The Criminal Court adjourned until the first Monday in January, when jury trials will be resumed. In the meanwhile, a short session of the Court may be held some time in the latter part of next week for special business.

A Surprise.
The venerable rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Roberts street, the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, was presented, yesterday, very unexpectedly to himself, with a purse containing quite a roll of Uncle Sam's promises to pay. This money was the net profit of a supper, given at the residence of Mr. Orlando Metcalf, No. 5 Fulton street, on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Mite Society of St. Paul's church. The rooms in Mr. Metcalf's mansion had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the supper combined substantials and luxuries in fair and proper proportion, prepared in the very finest style. The affair was highly creditable to all concerned, in its object and in its carrying out. Mr. Crumpton, who is one of the oldest ministers in this diocese, is held in high esteem by his congregation; and, although present and partaking of the supper himself, was unaware to its intent until the ladies called upon him yesterday.

Real Estate Transfers.
PITTSBURGH, December 22, 1875.

The following deeds were recorded in the office of Ralph J. Richardson, Recorder:

City of Allegheny to John Stark, August 13, 1874; two lots on Stanton avenue, Millvale borough, 82x110 feet..$ 455
John G. Flahaven to Joanna Tesh, October 4, 1875; lot Quarry Run street, Twenty-seventh ward, 50x91 feet..... 850
Chas. Meyran to Julius Krause, November 1, 1875; lot on Brereton avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, 30x120 feet..... 2,772
M. E. Moorhead to Thos. B. Riter, November 30, 1875; lot First ward, Pittsburgh.
Water street, 48x100 feet..... 18,500
P. D. Metcalf to D. G. Kenney, April 21, 1874; lot in McKeesport, Fifth street, 25x140 feet..... 400
Adam Isenmay et. al. to C. M. Seibert, August 30, 1875; lot on Ridge street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, 30x90 feet..... 600
Same to Charles Meyran, September 9, 1875; lot on Brereton avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, 30x120 feet..... nom.
James B. Tesh to Mary A. Tesh, December 21, 1875; lot on Quarry Run, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, 50x96 feet..... 850
Wm. Yeakle to Jas. S. Peterson, March 30, 1872; 1 acre 89 square perches land in Elizabeth township..... 2,500

A She Swindler.
A female fraud has been in successful operation in the city during the present week. Her little game will appear in the following brief narrative of her movements: One day she called at the store of Mr. Gildenfenny and bought a bill of goods, requesting that they be sent to Mr. Hugh Moorhead, No. 98 Center avenue. The boy who carried the package to No. 98 was met near the door by a man, who gave the lad a quarter and took charge of the goods. The same game was played at the store on the corner of Sandusky and Ohio streets, by J. R. Weldin & Co.'s and other business houses. Yesterday this swindling female visited the retail store of Joseph Horne & Co., on Penn avenue, where she purchased goods amounting to about $140. She directed the clerk to send the goods to Mr. W. H. Moorhead, No. 98 Center avenue. Instead of intrusting the packages to a boy, a trusty and intelligent colored porter was sent to deliver them. On arriving at No. 98 he was told that Mr. Moorhead did not live there, and he returned the goods to the store. It is supposed the man who had been receiving goods from boys got frightened when he saw the porter and did not make his appearance.

It may be stated that the occupants of No. 98 never say nothing about the swindling operations that were going on so close to them, as none of the goods were ever taken into their house. Mr. Robert Cubby, a very respectable gentleman, lives in the house, and he has been considerably annoyed by numerous bills which have been sent there.

The Tramp Question.
The proposition to employ tramps on the streets has been negatived in the committee of Councils having the subject in charge. It was the impression, judging from the tenor of the discussion, that the tramps would throw out of employment the regular street hands. This is a mistake. The intention was to employ the tramps at extra work, such as cleaning out alleys, removing accumulations from backyards, washing sidewalks and doing such other work as is now imperfectly done or wholly neglected. They were not to be paid wages, but an allowance of fifty cents per day for each man was to be paid to the directors of the Young Men's Home, to defray the cost of their meals and lodging, for which they now make no return whatever. We submit, therefore, that the committee has made a grave blunder in not recommending the proposition to the favorable consideration of Councils. It is clearly demonstrated that the class known as "tramps" will not work so long as they can subsist by begging, or by foisting themselves upon charitable institutions, they will not seek work. A striking illustration of this fact occurred a day or two ago when Capt. Kountz, of the Manchester street railway line, tendered work at one dollar per day to a number of lusty vagrants, not one of whom accepted his offer. If these same men had been handed over to the Street Commissioners, and compelled to labor for their support at the Home, they would soon either leave the city or cease to be tramps. They would not continue to work very long for a mere subsistence, and would either go elsewhere or find work on their own account at better prices. In either event, they would cease to be a burden upon our people and a terror to those residing in the rural districts. The statistics of the Home show how rapidly the tramps have increased here, under the present system. In 1872, 7,876 were admitted. For the year ending July 1, 1874, 12,315 were admitted, and for the year closing at the same period in 1875, the number had swelled to 14,300. In other words, over 14,000 different men applied at the Home for lodging and meals, and 56,527 free lodgings, and 65,663 free meals were given them. This is an appalling fact that this immense army of idlers had to be kept an average of four days for each man—averaging 180 men daily for the whole year. As a very moderate estimate, the cost for feeding and lodging these men would exceed $8,000 per year. It is stated that four-fifths of this large number are able bodied men, who can urge no good excuse for not working when work is offered to them. The question arises, What shall be done with them? Keeping them in idleness only tends to increase their numbers, and sooner or late the question will force itself upon Councils. Cincinnati, Cleveland and other cities are employing tramps advantageously, and the indications are that these cities will soon be rid of the nuisance entirely. There is a bond of sympathy and a community of interest among tramps, by which they are enabled to select the most favorable fields of operation, and give the "unhealthy" cities the go by. If we are going to make Pittsburgh a paradise for tramps, they will not be slow to find it out.

JAIL BREAKER CAPTURED.

Detective Promptly Rewarded.
Officer O'Mara, of the Mayor's detective force, yesterday recaptured, in Allegheny, John Gorden, who escaped from the Greensburg jail some three or four weeks ago. Gorden had been engaged in numerous burglaries in and about Greensburg, and made frequent trips to country stores in Westmoreland country, the plunder being transported in a wagon. The latest exploit in which he was charged with being implicated, was in robbing a store in Greensburg. He was arrested, but he succeeded in making his escape with two or three other prisoners. The Sheriff offered a reward of two hundred dollars for the re-capture of Gordon and smaller amounts for the other fugitives. About a week since a man, supposed to be Gordon, was arrested at Brookville, and the Sheriff went there for the purpose of taking charge of the fugitive, but when he arrived he found that the individual was not Gordon. Some days since the detectives received information that Gordon was in the city, and Roger O'Mara proceeded to hunt him up, with the result stated. Mr. O'Mara took him to Greensburg and was waylaid therefore by Sheriff Guffey, who at once handed over two hundred dollars, the reward offered.

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Special Committee Meeting—About the Mayor's Bond—Proposed Loan to Complete the New Water Works.

A special meeting of the Finance Committee of Pittsburgh Councils was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Shipton presiding.

ABOUT THE MAYOR'S BOND.

After action upon petitions for exonerations from taxes the communication of Mr. D. R. Galway, one of the Mayor McCarthy's bondsmen, asking to be relieved, was next taken up.

The Mayor being present announced to the Committee that so far as matters of public interest went there was no reason why Mr. Galway should ask to be released from the bond. The Controller could testify that his accounts were always properly rendered, and his duties as Mayor were faithfully performed. There were personal reasons, however, in Mr. Galway's asking to be released, and he would earnestly request that he be released if the Committee could possibly release him. As new bondsmen, the Mayor offered the names of Simon Johnston and John H. Sawyer, Esq.

A motion was made that Mr. Galway be released, and after some discussion the City Attorney was called upon for an opinion as to whether the motion could be legally passed.

City Attorney Shaler stated that one provision of the statute in the charter required that if any bondsman desired to be released from the Mayor's bond he must assign some reason therefor. In case the Mayor had not returned his accounts properly and for a settlement had set forth such a reason he could then be properly released. No reason, however, had been assigned as stated by Mr. McCarthy.

Considerable discussion was had on the matter, the committee evidently desiring to grant the request of the Mayor and the bondsman. Finally Mr. Thomsen offered a resolution recommending that Councils release Mr. Galway, but it was claimed that this could not pass either.

Mr. Littell then moved that consideration of the question be postponed (meaning the committee) had no power to grant a divorce in the marriage between Mayor McCarthy and Mr. Galway. This motion was passed amid considerable laughter, and on motion of Mr. Aiken the Controller was directed to notify Mr. Galway that no action could be taken on the communication.

Mr. William E. Stevenson, one of the bondsmen of George B. Hill & Co., appeared before the committee in regard to a claim of $1,329 the Controller holds against him. Mr. S. claimed that the amount was inserted on the bond after Mr. Steven on indorsed it, and, having already borne his share in the payment of $25,000, he asked to be released from the amount.

A motion was also offered referring the question to the Controller and Attorney.

THE NEW WORKS.

The communication from the Water Committee, giving the estimates of the cost for completing the new Water Works was next presented. The estimates, it will be remembered, were published in these columns on Tuesday, and amount to $750,000.

The provoked considerable discussion, when Mr. Aiken moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an act of assembly, authorizing a loan to that amount. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Aiken said the Democratic members of the Legislature from this county had defeated the measure last year. Mr. Littell reminded him that the measure was included in the Omnibus bill, and that the loan for the Water Works really became a very small issue. Mr. Aiken, however, was in favor of presenting the bill this winter again, and let its defeat or passage rest upon the Democratic legislators.

Mr. Brown here stated that the passage of the act rested with Messrs. Thornton and Carson, and that he had a conversation with the former when he was informed that they would approve the loan.

After further discussion the motion of Mr. Aiken was adopted.

A resolution returning the thanks of the committee to Mr. Shipton for his efficient services as chairman was adopted.

Adjourned.

TRADESMEN'S INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Meeting of the Investigation Committee —Inquiry Into the Alleged Frauds.

At a meeting of the committee appointed by the meeting of the life members of the Tradesmen's Industrial Institute (relative to the investigation of the late election held December 13th for Directors), the following of the committee were present: Messrs. John Dunlap, James C. Lewis, A. Bradley, and C. B. Herron. Mr. James Park being unable to attend, Mr. Dunlap was appointed in his place by Captain Ratchelor, Chairman of the meeting of life members. Mr. Dunlap being appointed Chairman of Mr. Gordon's committee, on motion, C. B. Herron was appointed Secretary. The constitution of the Institute was carefully read and discussed by the committee, after which the following resolution, offered by Mr. Lewis, was passed:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to notify through the papers the officers of the Institute, the officers of the election and all others interested, to meet with the Committee on Monday, December 27th, at 7 P. M., at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, to investigate the alleged irregularity of the late election.

JOHN FOUR DUNLAP, Chairman.
C. B. HERRON, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

REV. R. R. MOORE, by request, will repeat his Thanksgiving sermon to-morrow evening in the Fourth Presbyterian church.

REV. G. H. HUGHES, of the South Side, will do to-morrow evening mention "Ten Reasons why no man should be an Infidel."

REV. G. A. MOFAT, of East Birmingham church, preaches to-morrow on the subjects of "Taking Stock," and "Profit and Loss."

The usual vesper services will be held at Grace Presbyterian church, in the afternoon, morning service at 10:30 A. M., evening at 7:30 P. M.

THE REV. A. E. LUTY will preach on Sabbath morning in the Allentown (Thirty first ward) M. E. church, and in the evening at Simpson Chapel, Allegheny.

REV. GARDNER S. PLUMLEY, of Metuchen, N. J., will preach in the Third Presbyterian church, Sixth avenue, Sabbath morning and evening, December 26th.

REV. S. F. SCOVEL, of the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street and Sixth avenue, will preach to-morrow. Subjects—Morning: "Christmas Joy." Evening: "The Steward's Account."

REV. A. M. MILLIGAN will preach in the R. P. church, Eighth street, near the Fair Grounds, to-morrow (Sabbath) evening at 7½ o'clock. Subject: "Have we Scripture authority for the change of the Sabbath Day?"

THE REV. DR. HOWARD will resume his lectures on the Pilgrim's Progress next Sabbath evening. The sermon on the Sabbath will be promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to these services.

ST. ANDREWS P. E. church, Ninth street. Services Sunday Morning at 10½ o'clock, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, a service for colored children. No service in the evening on the fourth Sunday of the month.

THERE will be service in St. Peter's Church, corner of Fifth avenue and Diamond streets, to-day (Christmas) at 10:45 A. M. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Spaulding, will officiate, and there will be administration of Holy Communion.

REV. R. W. PEARSON, D. D., of the Fourth Avenue M. E. church, South Side, will preach to-morrow. At 10:30 there will be the ordinance of believers' baptism and a Christmas homily on "What's in a Name?" Sermon at 7 P. M., on "Strange Doings in the House on Straight Street."

REV. W. P. BREED, of Philadelphia, will deliver his discourse on "Presbyterianism and the Revolution" next Sabbath morning in the Second Reformed church (Dr. Howard's) and in the afternoon in the First U. P. church, Allegheny, and in the Second U. P. church, Allegheny (Dr. Swift's).

A convention of the ministers, elders and delegates of the Presbytery of Erie, for prayer and conference, will be held in Greenville next Tuesday at 2 P. M. The convention will be opened with a sermon by Rev. J. M. French, of Mercer, Pa. Subject for conference on Tuesday evening: True method of church work, and the best means of promoting it. Rev. B. K. Ormond is to open the conference, Rev. J. M. Wallace, of Youngstown, Ohio, presiding.

The quarterly meeting of the Pittsburgh Baptist Sunday School Convention will take place next Tuesday, (December 28th,) in the Nixon street Baptist church, Allegheny City. Services will be held at 9:30 A. M., and at 2 and 7 P. M. Papers on several important topics will be read, after which there will be fully discussed. The music will be under the direction of Prof. Hayes. All Sabbath school workers and friends are cordially invited.

Cambria County Officer Arrested.
Deputy Sheriff Fife yesterday afternoon arrested Deputy Sheriff John T. Harris, of Cambria county, for assault and battery and false arrest. It seems a charge of false pretense was lodged before a Justice of Johnstown by Mr. Murphy, of Blairsville, against the firm of Sargent and Gerry. Tipper, a resident of this city. Officer Harris arrested Tipper on the warrant issued, and having a team with him, started yesterday on further business connected with the case. Tipper's counsel objected to the stand, Officer Harris was lodged in jail but will obtain bail this morning. He is an efficient and worthy officer and is well liked by the citizens of Johnstown where he has held the position of Chief of Police for several years.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE Castle Shannon coal miners have all resumed work.

SPEAKER KERR will arrive in the city to-day, on a visit to his brother, H. H. Kerr, Esq.

A MEETING will be held at the Allegheny Mayor's office Monday night to arrange for a public entertainment for the benefit of the poor.

THE house of William J. Johnston, on Rebecca street, Allegheny, was entered by burglars Thursday, during the absence of the family, who carried away a quantity of jewelry and silverware.

THE Grand Jury found a Christmas tree in their room yesterday morning. It was fearfully and wonderfully decorated with gingerbread, pretzels, smoked herrings, crackers, and other delicacies. The tree was duly considered and made away with.

ABOUT half-past six o'clock yesterday morning a man went into Zimmerman's shoe store, on Fifth avenue, near Franklin street, and began up a pair of boots ran away. The proprietor witnessed the theft, but before he could reach the sidewalk the thief was out of sight.

THREE of the party of young men arrested in Allegheny for pilfering cellars were sent to the workhouse for thirty days. Their names are Ed. Burns, Albert McMillan and John Hays. J. McGraw, another of the gang, got about twelve years, was sent to the Reform School.

THE Secretary of a South Side school board takes pains to inform that he never has to certify to the pay roll of the teachers for December because, owing to the holiday vacation, they will not have given a full month's work. Cheap notoriety for which he will be ashamed.

CHARLES HARBAUGH, charged with arson, has been indicted for forgery, the alleged offense consisting in writing in the words "in full" after the word "received," and thus obtaining a loan of $2,000 from Francis Robb on a building lot which was already encumbered by Harbaugh to be without incumbrance.

"RODDY'S REALITY," published by W. P. Putnam's Sons, is for sale at 139 Fifth avenue, by W. Pittock & Co., Fifth avenue, like "Roddy's Romance," is a pretty book of the "Little Women" class of literature. It is true to its "Reality in full" and fun, and is just the kind of a book for children to enjoy. The fair author is the wife of Mr. Johnson, the editor of Osgood's, "Little Classics." Before Christmas day closes, reader, buy "Roddy's Reality."

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

At the Opera House, "The Victor of Rhe" will be given at the matinee and in the evening. On Monday "The Twelve Temptations."

At the Grand Opera House, Sanford's Comedy Theater.—S. S. Sanford and his company will appear in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the matinee, and the play will be given for the last time this evening.

Library Hall.—Haverly's Minstrels give their concluding performances to-day—matinee and evening.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.—First-class variety entertainments at the matinee and in the evening.

Rollin Howard's Union Square Comedy Combination will begin a short season at Library Hall on Monday evening.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Redistricting the City—Matter of Salaries.

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon, President Slagle in the chair.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the statement of officers of the Board and their salaries, with a view to retrenchment of expenses, and in connection therewith the reports of the majority and the minority of the committee on redistricting the city for inspection purposes reported. They recommend that the city be divided into three inspection districts, as follows:

First District—All that portion of the city lying between the rivers and a line commencing on the Mono-gahela river opposite the foot of Brady and Soho streets, Center and Herron avenues and Thirty-third street to the Allegheny river.

Second District—All that part of the city between the rivers east of said line.

Third District—All that part of the city south of the Monongahela river.

That there be three inspectors appointed and assigned, one for each district; that the Board provide for the appointment of assistant inspectors in case of emergency, temporarily for stated periods.

We further recommend that after the 31st day of December, 1875, the services of the assistant clerk be dispensed with, and that the Registration clerk and Health officer be no longer fitted with water they will be expected to do all the clerical work of the office.

As to salaries, we recommend that they shall, after February 1st, 1876, be as follows:

Health officer, annual	$1,500
Physician and Registrar, annual	1,200
Meat Inspector, annual	1,200
Solicitor, annual	300
Registration clerk	900
Sanitary Inspectors, each, annual	800
Assistant Inspectors, monthly	50

Which, in addition to the present salaries, is a saving of over $5,000 per annum, without materially affecting the efficiency of the service.

J. F. SLAGLE,
JAMES MCCANN,
J. D. THOMAS.

It was suggested that the latter of the districts be laid over for future action. After some discussion the whole report was adopted.

On motion the time for vaccination was extended until February 1, 1876.

The petition of Messrs. Sadaie, Graham and Slagle were appointed a committee in conjunction with the Solicitor to examine as to the matter of registering physicians and midwives.

Dr. Sunvely reported that he had vaccinated twenty-five persons since December 7th.

The matter of ordinances for next year was referred to the Finance Committee.

The routine transaction of some minor business, adjourned.

YR EISTEDDFOD

At the Academy of Music.

It has seldom been our good fortune to spend so enjoyable an evening as we did in the Academy of Music last evening, and we assure those of our music loving people, who were not present, that they missed a rich treat. We earnestly advise them to be present at the second concert this evening.

The performance last evening commenced with a selection of international airs, rendered on the harp and piano by Miss Rhys and Miss Rhys, when Mr. Morgan seemed to make this harp utter a plaintive "Home, sweet Home." This performance was greeted with rapturous applause by the large audience.

Prof. J. W. Parson Price, of Kentucky, sang the beautiful song of "When the Flowing Tide comes in," and the touching ballad of "Bonny Dundee." Mr. Price possesses a strong and very melodious voice, which he has cultivated until it is of the highest order of control. He is a very sweet singer and exceedingly graceful in his gestures and movements.

The "Flower Girl" was sung by Mrs. Heyde, and was received with hearty applause. She has a highly cultivated voice of great compass and much sweetness. All the programme was exceedingly well executed; as a whole, it was smooth and very harmonious throughout, and was well received by a very intelligent audience.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Stowe and Collier.

In the case of John Edmundson vs. Crone the report of the auditor was confirmed and the Prothonotary directed to pay out the money.

Henry Cronshore vs. D. Chestnut & Co. Verdict for plaintiff for $138 53.

In the case of Arthur Gainsford vs. Painter and Welsh. Jury out.

Albert H. Ewing, Esq., was appointed auditor in the matter of the voluntary assignment of A. D. Gerwig & Co. to T. Hetzel.

James McMullen and Wm. E. Harrison were appointed appraisers in the matter of the voluntary assignment of John F. Wolff to D. C. Hoffman.

Mary L. Robinson was allowed the benefits of the law securing to married women their separate property.

In the matter of George Arthurs and wife vs. George Ewart and others, a decree in partition was awarded in accordance with the petition of the parceners.

Robert R. Petty, Esq., was appointed commissioner in the divorce case of Belle vs. Donald vs. John Donald.

The Court adjourned until Friday next.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judges Ewing and Kirkpatrick.

In the case of Wm. A. Reed vs. Bell and Wier, the jury found for the defendants.

In the two cases of Patrick Mcgrady vs. J. F. Fowler, and same plaintiff vs. Louis Eisenberg, reported yesterday, the jury is out.

In the case of James Swisshelm vs. the Swisshelm Laundry Company, action in ejectment, a non-suit was entered.

Wm. L. Stewart for use of S. A. McClung, administrator of the estate of Thomas Stewart, deceased, vs. Albert Briggs and Charles Hammett, executors of Thomas W. Briggs, deceased; an action to recover a bond. Verdict for plaintiff for $5,469, to be released upon the payment of $1,000, with interest, making in all $2,000 and releases the interest of John McClon, deceased, and John Stewart, heirs of Mary Ann Stewart, deceased, of $6,669 to Mrs. Sarah Stewart, as provided in said bond.

Adjourned until Saturday, January, 1, 1876.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

Edward Grant was acquitted of a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods. The prosecutor was Mr. Four Dunlap.

Willis Johnston, a colored man, indicted for entering a building with intent to commit felony, on oath of John G. MacConnell, was acquitted.

The jury is out in the case of Wm. Sarber, indicted for assault and battery with intent to commit a rape.

SENTENCES.

Thomas Wright, for aggravated assault and battery, three months to the work house.

Patrick Boyle for a similar offense, ten days to jail.

William McCoy for larceny, ten days to jail.

Frank Ketterly and Frank Vogel, for receiving stolen good, each two years and four months in the penitentiary.

George Walker for larceny, two years and nine months to the penitentiary.

Adjourned until first Monday in January, when jury trials will be resumed.

AN EXCELLENT HOTEL

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2. Because of its superiority over other hotels. The St. James being the best hotel in the city.

3. Because of the home comforts that are enjoyed by those who stop at the St. James.

4. Because the culinary department is in charge of a cook that has no equal in the city.

5. Because the bar is supplied with the finest and purest of liquors, which are dispensed by polite and attentive bar-tenders.

6. Because the proprietor of the St. James, Mr. James K. Lanahan, is the most affable, genial, whole-souled fellow that ever kept a hotel. In the many years that Mr. Lanahan has been in business he has, by his uniform courtesy and kindness to everybody, won hosts of friends and they all go to the St. James when St. James will attest. The register shows daily arrivals from all points of the compass.

Our advice to those who are desirous of finding a good hotel is, go to the St. James.

For Holiday Musical Goods.
Sheib's Music Store, 79 Fifth avenue, presents the greatest attraction. Weber Pianos, Woods Organs, Violins, Guitars, Music Folios, Accordeons, Harmonicas, Sheet Music, Music Books, etc., furnish a variety of presents that ought to make Merry Christmas in many a home.

Lowest Figures To-day
for sets of
Irving, Dickens,
Waverley, Shakspeare,
Motley, Goethe,
Schiller, Carey,
Taine, Dore Gallery,
and many other beautifully illustrated works.
S. A. CLARKE & CO.,
115 Wood street.

Santa Claus
has brought to ROTH, IN THE DIAMOND, twenty different kinds of satchels, etc., such he will serve to the public to-morrow in the way of a complimentary Christmas lunch. That celebrated D. S. Brown Rye, from the Monastery at Latrobe, will be on tap.

For Musical Holiday Gifts
no place offers better inducements than Sheib's Music Store, Fifth avenue. Buyers will find Weber pianos, Woods organs, sheet music, music books, violins, guitars, accordeons, flutes, fifes, accordeans, and all the many instruments wherewith to make merry Christmas, prices being specially reduced so as to make the poorest or the wealthiest happy with something musical.

SEAL SKIN SACQUES.

McCord & Co.
Are receiving daily, Alaska and Shetland Seal Sacques, of superior quality, in
131 Wood street.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Gildenfenny's Bulletin.
In order that parties may know where to make their selections for the holidays, we append a list of a few of their goods: Fine linen cambric handkerchiefs, silver handkerchief boxes, games, chessmen, checkers, family bibles, pocket bibles, prayer books, hymn books and hymnals, poets in fine binding, presentation books, books in sets, children's books, toy books, and a host of other articles calculated to please both old and young. Remember, No. 69 Fifth avenue.

Messrs. Demmler Bros.,
Nos. 126 and 128 Smithfield street, offer one of the finest assortments of fancy goods, staple fire irons, bird cages, britannia and block tin goods to be found in the city. In making your holiday purchases, buy something of practical utility, and at the same time ornamental.

Messrs. Demmler Bros,
Nos. 126 and 128 Smithfield street, have achieved a wide reputation in their line of business, and those who make their purchases of house furnishing goods at this establishment can rely on getting the best material and workmanship in any article they desire.

Messrs. J. R. Reed & Co.,
No. 68 Fifth avenue, will sell you a set of Diamond, cameo or gold jewelry at a less price—quality considered—as you can possibly buy at any other house in the city.

If You
want anything in the way of tin, copper or sheet iron ware, and house furnishing goods, you will find one of the finest assortments in either city at Messrs. Demmler Bros., 126 and 128 Smithfield street.

Business Properties.
A fine store and dwelling in Allegheny to exchange for a farm; a store property to Union to exchange for city property; two stores with dwelling on Beaver avenue at a bargain, by C. BARNROZE, 115 Smithfield street.

Who Wouldn't
have a piano or organ and appreciate it most highly as a Christmas present, and who could hesitate in buying an instrument when Hamilton's warerooms are overflowing with the most elegant stock ever presented to a music loving public? You should just call and see for yourself, and to think of the prices at which he has been selling! But even the prices of the past few weeks are left entirely in the shade by the following prices, which are a fair index of all the rest:

OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY UNTIL 4 P. M.

We will sell fine 6 stop Estey Organs at $100 cash, and 25 special styles in magnificently carved solid walnut cases, with 7 stops, price $270, at the unparalleled price of *only* $130 *cash*. These are an invoice rent us in mistake, and rather than return them we have been instructed to close them out at above prices. They will be supplied on monthly payments at very small advance on above prices. Our pianos we have also marked down to the lowest possible figures, as we decide to close out our present immense stock before January 1, to take stock.

Here is an opportunity very seldom if ever offered. All the stock is perfectly new and guaranteed, which means something when guaranteed by this house.

We don't expect to carry this stock long at these prices, so come early and make your selection. Remember the only place you can get the matchless Decker Piano is here, and Estey Cottage Organs is at S. Hamilton's, 77 Fifth avenue, second floor. You can't mistake the place, as the attractive murals for looking glasses at the door can't be mistaken. Be sure you get to Hamilton's.

Just Opened for the Holidays.
The labyrinth of wonders is to be seen at the book and fancy goods emporium of W. A. Gildenfenney & Co., No. 69 Fifth avenue, and consists in a varied and diversified assortment of fine and elegant articles of almost every imaginable name and kind that may be fitly used for gifts and presentations.

The Most Appropriate Gifts
for the current holidays are those which do not run into much money, and which varied as such gifts may be found at the book and fancy goods emporium of W. A. Gildenfenney & Co., 69 Fifth avenue, consisting of books, games, pocketbooks, albums and many other articles not only of ornament, but of utility as well. A few dollars can be employed to great advantage in a purchase at Gildenfenney's.

Books and Fancy Articles.
A vast assortment of books suitable for gifts, in every style and style of binding, and on every conceivable subject, at low prices during the holidays. For a small outlay you can procure a really elegant and appropriate gift at the book and fancy goods emporium of W. A. Gildenfenney & Co.'s, No. 69 Fifth avenue.

Santa Claus at 69 Fifth Avenue.
The mythical Saint makes a tempting display of his wares at 69 Fifth avenue. And perhaps nowhere in the city can such a varied assortment be found as here. Appropriate, elegant and useful articles in great profusion at the headquarters for gift goods, and all ages look with pleasure upon the many beautiful gifts selected to gladden the heart of relative and friend.

Schenck's Mandrake Pills
Will be found to possess those qualities necessary for the total eradication of all bilious attacks, prompt to start the secretions of the liver, and give a healthy tone to the entire system. Indeed, it is no ordinary preparation in medical science to have invented a remedy for those distressing complaints, and the firm of all the results produced by a heretofore free use of calomel, a mineral justly dreaded by mankind as the most powerful and destructive in the extreme to the human system. That the properties of certain vegetables comprise all the virtues of calomel without its deleterious tendencies, is now an admitted fact throughout the entire civilized world, and those who use the Mandrake Pills will be fully satisfied that the best medicines are those provided by nature in the common gems at the roots of the field.

It exerts both on the bowels and corrects all bilious derangements without salivation or any of the injurious effects of calomel or other poisons. The secretion of bile is promoted by these pills, as will be seen by the altered color of the stools, and the cleansing of the sallow complexion and cleansing of the tongue.

Ample directions for use accompany each box of pills.

Prepared only by J. H. Schenck & Son, at their principal office, corner Sixth and Arch streets, Philadelphia, and for sale by all druggists and dealers. Price 25 cents per box.

Headache.
It is an established fact that the extract of cranberries and hemp combined by Dr. Miller, 327 Spruce street, Philadelphia, will permanently cures the most obstinate cases of dyspepsia, nervous sick headache, and is an absolute specific for Neuralgia and Nervousness. Prepared in pills. Fifty cents a box. Sent by mail. R. L. Sellers & Co., 45 Wood street.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, December 24, 1875.

The banks were busily employed to-day, principally in disposing of the collections, which were large, from the fact that the paper of three dates was due to-day, owing to the holiday coming on Saturday. As a matter of item, the business was not large. The call for discounts was rather slack, and all the first-class commercial bills offered were readily taken by the banks. Rates were easy, and while quality for the most part therefore ruled firm, a rather softening tendency. Exchange was quite abundant and went at par in transactions between bankers. The business in local securities and stocks, both at the Second Board and Exchange during the day, furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 36 Sixth street:

Northwestern	33½	Union Pacific bonds	1E
Do preferred	54¾	Union Pacific sinking fund bonds	92¾
C. C. C. & I.	58		
N. J. Central	104½		

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881	125¾	New 5's	114¾
5-20's, 1865	115¾	10-40's	116¾
5-20's, 1865, new	119¼	10-40's coupons	117¾
5-20's, 1867	122¾	Currency 6's	122¾
5-20's, 1868	122¾		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	40¾	Virginia, old	37
Tennessee, new	38	Missouri 6's	102¾
Virginia, new	37¾		

NEW ORLEANS, December 24.—Gold 113. Sight ¼ disc sell. Sterling—Commercial 541@542¾; bank 548@550.

LONDON, December 24, 5 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was $185,000. The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills was 2⅝@2⅞ per cent, or ⅛@⅜ below the Bank of England rate. Consols for money and account 94¼@94⅜. United States bonds—5-20's, 1865 104; do 1867, 107; 10-40's, 104¾; new 5's, 105. Railroad securities—New York Central 96; Erie 18½; preferred 28.

PARIS, December 24.—Rentes 65 francs 10 centimes.

FRANKFORT, December 23.—United States bonds—new 5's 99¾.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, December 24, 1875.

The wholesale trade, as a general rule, was very quiet and dull to-day, the weather (as much as to exercise a very depressing effect on many branches of trade. In addition to this, the impending holiday, while producing activity in one or two line of trade, generally had the effect of checking business, as jobbers and retailers are very strongly disposed to await the new year before purchasing more than is imperatively necessary to supply their immediate requirements. Taken as a whole, therefore, the day's business was extremely light and unsatisfactory.

In values there was almost literally no movement to report. With the exception of a decline of 2½c on crude petroleum and a shading of about ¼c on refined, we declare of no material alteration in quotations; and there was very little change even in the tendencies of the various staples traded in on our streets. Grain was very quiet and wholly without change. Flour continues firm and active in lines of prime family brands, while low grades are overshadowed and difficult to sell. Hay was active and firm, with liberal receipts, and prices maintained at about former quotations. Mill feed continued in over-abundant supply, weak and depressed.

Country produce exhibited no changes calling for special mention. The prime grades of butter continued active and in good dem